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Victor Harold Macaulay was born May 24th, 1889, at Peterboro, Ontario. His parents, Robert and Agnes Charlotte Macaulay, were representative of the famous pioneer stock who laid the foundation of that great and prosperous Province.

He was educated in the Public School of Lindsay, Ontario, and Harbord Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, matriculating in 1905. During the following three years he gained valuable business experience with a manufacturing concern and a wholesale house in Toronto. Deciding to adopt the Dental Profession, in the autumn of 1908 he registered with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, and during the four year course the intervening vacations were spent with silver mining companies in Cobalt. In May, 1912, he graduated with honors, obtaining the degree of Licentiate of Dental Surgery from the R.C.D.S., Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Toronto, and was also successful in the examinations written for the Dominion Dental Council.

Like many of the young men of that time he heard the insistent call of our Western Provinces, and after his graduation came to Calgary and established a dental practice which he has successfully maintained ever since.

In 1913 he married Margaret Gertrude Kohler of Cayuga, Ontario, and they have three children, Bruce, Ruth and Gordon.

Born and brought up in the Methodist (now United) Church, since his coming to Calgary he has taken an active interest in its welfare here, being a member of the Official Board of Central United Church for many years.

He has taken an active part in community life, being Public School trustee for two years, President of the Gladiolus Society, a Board member of the Horticultural Society and also of the Wood's Christian Home.

Astronomy always held a special place in his many interests, being the subject of more than an amateur study with him, and so he became a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

In his chosen profession he has achieved recognition by his colleagues, having been President of the Calgary Dental Society, twice President of the Alberta Dental Association, a Board member for eigh

years and an official delegate from Alberta to the Board of the Canadian Dental Association.

His Masonic life commenced by initiation in King George Lodge No. 59 in 1914, and from that date he took an active interest in Masonry and his lodge, of which he was Master in 1920. In the same year he was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge, and was D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 1 in 1924. In 1928 he was elected to the Committee on Benevolence, of which he was Chairman in 1934. In 1933 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden in 1935, Deputy Grand Master in 1936 and became Grand Master in 1936.

M. W. Bro. Macaulay has also been an active member of the A. & A.S.R., being T.P.G.M. of Calgary Lodge of Perfection in 1925, M.W.S. of Delta Chapter Rose Croix in 1937, and a member of Alberta Consistory 32°.

As Grand Master he has enjoyed a successful year, the highlight of which was his visit to Edinburgh, where he officially represented his jurisdiction at the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This visit has been the means of establishing a personal connection with many Grand Jurisdictions who were represented by their Grand Masters or other distinguished members on that occasion, of which undoubtedly this Grand Lodge will reap benefits in years to come. Indeed, an immediate result was the extremely pleasant visit from the neighboring jurisdiction of Montana at our Annual Communication this year, their Grand Master being also a delegate to Scotland.

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The Thirty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 9th, A.D. 1937, A.L. 5937, at the hour of 10:15 o'clock a.m.

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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies informed the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations.

The M. W. the Grand Master then called on M. W. Bro. Dr. George W. Kerby, D.D., P.G.M., to address the brethren, who gave a brief devotional address, which was followed by the singing of the 121st Psalm.

The constitutional number of lodges being present Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., to retire and introduce to Grand Lodge M. W. Bro. John Kain, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Luther Hauberg, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and V. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The distinguished visitors were received with the customary honors, welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF CALGARY

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, P.D.D.G.M., was in waiting. The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell to retire and introduce His Worship. R. W. Bro. Davison on being introduced was received with Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Master, not only as Mayor of Calgary but as a distinguished member of his own lodge. He was then invited to the East, when he addressed the Grand Master and Grand Lodge as follows:

"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"This thing of welcoming the Grand Lodge of Alberta is becoming a habit. Since 1930 I think this is the fourth or fifth time I have been called upon to discharge this pleasant duty and it has always given me pleasure to welcome my brethren of Alberta to the City of Calgary when they meet in annual communication.

"When I received the invitation of our Grand Master to extend the City's welcome, I thought it would be very nice if I could have accompany me some of my colleagues on the City Council who are members of our Fraternity, and so I have brought along with me R. W. Bro. J. W. Gilman, a P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunningham. I had hoped that W. Bro. R. H. Weir would also be able to accompany us, but unfortunately he is out of the city. I think it is a very fine thing that the members of our Fraternity should discharge one of those functions laid down in our traditions of being good citizens, and I want to assure the brethren present that these three excellent officials are a credit to the Craft.

"I am willing to admit very sincerely that it has always been a pleasure to me to extend greetings and offer a hearty welcome to you all, but on this occasion it is doubly so in the case of our present Grand Master. We are both members of King George Lodge and have been the closest friends for nearly a quarter of a century. It has been our good fortune to be officers in King George and work together. We have both served in the office of Master and have also enjoyed the distinction of serving District No. 1 as D.D.G.M., and now M. W. Bro. Macaulay is completing a year of service as head of this Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. In all these years my experience has been that he has been working in season and out of season for the good of the Order, giving freely of his time to the work of the Benevolent Committee and the various committees of Grand Lodge upon which he has been called to serve and when we examine the records of the past year it will disclose a very successful term of office.

"I most sincerely extend to you the freedom of the City of Calgary, for it's about all we have left to offer, and I particularly desire to welcome the distinguished visitors from Montana and Saskatchewan. I am sure we all appreciate the fact that these two Grand Jurisdictions have seen fit to send of their best to participate with us in this Grand Lodge.

Brethren, I extend my best wishes that this may be a most successful and profitable Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master replied as follows:

"Your Worship and R. W. Sir:

"Grand Lodge I know is very delighted to receive your official welcome here this morning, even as you have on several occasions welcomed us before, for it has been your unique privilege to establish something of a record for years of service as Mayor of Calgary. It was very kind of you to refer to the many years of Masonic service you and I have rendered together, being members of the same lodge.

"It should be a pleasure for you to welcome Grand Lodge as we are one of the few organizations that meet in Calgary without begging from the city's entertainment fund. Indeed, we are going to turn the tables here this morning and present you with something. I have been pleased to recommend you to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina as their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Their Grand Master has confirmed the recommendation and it is now my pleasure to present you with his commission."

PROXIES

R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, requested a direction from the Grand Master as to the disposal of proxies, a number of which were not in accord with the new Constitution. These proxies were carried by brethren who were not members of the lodges which issued the same.

The Grand Master put the question to Grand Lodge, stating that in view of the recent change in the Constitution, most likely the lodges had overlooked the significance of the amended clause regarding proxies. It was unanimously agreed that for this occasion only, proxies be accepted and representation granted as heretofore.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary called the roll of the Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, each representative taking his place before the altar as his name was called, when they were received with Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Master as follows:

"My Brethren:

"Welcome indeed are you here among us as the Masonic ambassadors of universal Masonry. It was my recent privilege personally to meet many of the heads of the Grand Lodges which you here represent. From this contact and conversations I can say that not only are these Masons of the world a very fine type, but they stand for the same high ideals of fraternity, benevolence and truth which we uphold here. I want you to treat your appointment as a trust, and consider it a higher obligation to promote universal understanding and goodwill among the Grand Lodges with whom we are in such friendly relations. Will you accept the responsibility after these sessions are over and personally convey to the Grand Lodges which you represent our earnest felicitations, love and respect."

M. W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M., Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, replied as follows:

"M. W. Sir:

"In this the Coronation Year in London practically every nation

on earth was not only represented, but was there to honor the Sovereign of the British Empire. So we today are gathered here to honor you, M. W. Sir of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, extending fraternal greetings of goodwill and join in the fellowship which Masonry promotes. In that great ceremony in London was there not a heartfelt desire for Peace and Harmony throughout the world? It was in a sense a great Masonic occasion because it exemplified those principles which we profess. So here today we are exemplifying the same spirit of Unity, Harmony and a desire for Peace. And may we also remember that we meet on a very auspicious day, the official birthday of our King, God Bless Him!"

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-first Annual Communication held in the City of Edmonton on June 10th and 11th, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

The following telegrams from Grand Lodges were received and read:

"The Grand Lodge of Manitoba extends best wishes and hearty fraternal greetings to our sister Grand Jurisdiction of sunny Alberta. May your thirty-second Annual Communication be most successful and beneficial.

"J. H. G. RUSSELL,
"Grand Secretary."

"Iowa Masons extend the fraternal hand of brotherhood in your thirty-second Annual Communication. May you remain steadfast, true and courageous for the principles of Freemasonry.

"C. C. HUNT,
"Grand Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Vermont in Annual Communication assembled cordially reciprocates your felicitations of the brethren of Alberta and desires to convey to them in turn sincere wishes that they may have a most pleasant and profitable Grand session.

"ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN,
"Grand Secretary."

The Grand Master announced that fraternal greetings had been sent to these Grand Lodges and also to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia which was meeting that day.

Best wishes were also received by letter from the Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland, and telegrams and letters regretting their inability to attend and expressing their best wishes were received from the following members of Grand Lodge: M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H. M. Scott, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9; R. W. Bro. B. W. Richardson, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 17; R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, P.G.T.; V. W. Bro. R. G. Whitmore, G.S.; V. W. Bro. D. J. Downey, G.S.; V. W. Bro. Wm. E. Ward, G.S.; R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, Grand Rep. G. L. Colorado; R. W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod, Grand Rep. G. L. New Brunswick; W. Bro. H. C. Graham, Grand Rep. G. L. Florida.

Grand Master's Address

My Dear Brethren:

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome each one of you here this morning to our Thirty-second Annual Communication. These days of continued economic depression for so many of our people, the searing drought of last summer which still casts its sinister shadow across the land, and the social turbulence which seems to be our lot, all conspire to create such an atmosphere of doubt and uncertainty that many of our brethren must be contented to be with us in spirit only. It would indeed be a gloomy picture, however, if in this land of wide horizons and eternal optimism our vision were not focussed on the dawn of the morrow, when our fecund watered soil again blossoms as the rose. For you too can say:

"Full many a glorious morning have I seen
Flatter the mountain tops with sovereign eye,
Kissing with golden face the meadows green,
Gilding pale streams with heavenly alchemy."

Therefore I doubly greet you, my brethren, who are here assembled.

It is one of the recurring attractions of Grand Lodge to be able once more to clasp the warm hand of fellowship of the older members. But to renew the old is not enough and so we all look forward to meeting with the new, for there are many of you here today for the first time. We are all anxious that you should obtain the maximum help and inspiration from this assemblage, and may I suggest to you that what you do not understand do not hesitate to seek an explanation. Reports and resolutions will be submitted to you and the fullest discussion is invited. The wisdom of Grand Lodge is not entirely resident in its past officers, for in the "multiplicity of counsellors is there wisdom," and "experience" will overlook with kindly forbearance any little departure due to the lack of it. Some future Grand Master may be here for the first time.

"Thou fill'st from the winged chalice of the soul
Thy lamp, O memory."

And so, casting back over the past twelve months, I now render to you an account of my stewardship.

One of the mountain peaks of my life was attained when you so graciously overlooked my shortcomings, elected me as your titular head, placed upon my shoulders the purple of the fraternity and tendered me the gavel of authority. That was important, but the greatest thrill of that moment was the ensuing demonstration of love and affection as one after another of you came forward and proffered good will, loyalty and support. Without it the office becomes sham, hollow, and mere "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." My confession to you is that I have fallen far short of the high hopes and intentions of that great moment. I have endeavored to build and build solidly, but while the heart was quick to conceive, the hand may have been slow to execute. I therefore wish to be judged by what I have tried to do as well as what I have accomplished.

NECROLOGY

I would ask you to rise while we pay tribute to the memory of dear departed brethren, who since our last gathering have answered their last great summons to join,

“The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death.”

As one studies the science of astronomy he soon discovers that,

“Our little systems have their day.
They have their day and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of Thee
O God, Who art more than they.”

The ashes of that celebrated American astronomer, Dr. J. A. Brashear, lie beneath the great telescope in Pittsburgh, which he himself had constructed. The marble plate bears this inscription:

“We have loved the stars too fondly
To be fearful of the night.”

In like manner each Mason with a firm and steadfast faith has been taught how to die, even if

“I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.”

And in this spirit of Hope, we commit our departed brethren to the God who created them. Over their weaknesses we draw the mantle of charity, while their virtues we extol to mankind to “go and do thou likewise.” To their beloved ones we express our deepest sympathy and claim a share with them of the rich memories which linger on in our thoughts.

It was a matter of keen personal loss to learn of the death on April 1st, 1937, of M. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The Grand Lodge of Alberta on numerous occasions had become indebted to him for his very kind offices. He was a gentleman, a scholar of note and a Mason of great experience. His kindly interest in myself some years ago prompted him to promise to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at which I should preside. My loss is your great loss too, for had he been able to be here he would have given you a memorable message from his richly furnished mind.

On the 17th of March there died in Redcliff the well and widely known figure, Bro. William Henderson, who was almost within touching distance of the century mark at 98 years of age. He was the oldest Mason in Alberta and will be greatly missed from the many Masonic functions which he so delighted to attend.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will render a complete report on brethren of this and other jurisdictions who have passed to the Great Beyond.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I attended each District Meeting held in the jurisdiction, accompanied by our worthy Grand Secretary and Custodian of the Canadian Work. M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Ancient York Work attended each of the District Meetings where that Work is used. On many occasions we were ably supported by Grand Officers, past and present. I cannot speak too highly of the work of organization for these meetings undertaken by my District Deputies. These are the brethren who carry the load in the field and despite our endeavors to school them in their duties and instruct them in a program, they have many a problem to face alone. The long weary miles they journey to distant lodges are too little appreciated by the lodges and brethren so benefitted, and toiling homeward in the waning hours of night they are left to keep vigil with the Warrior in glittering Orion as he swings across the sky.

A definite program was suggested and followed for the District Meetings. Emphasis was placed upon the necessity of the presence of not only the Masters and Wardens, but the junior officers of the lodges, as one of the intended functions of the District Meeting is instruction, better fitting officers to ultimately assume with assurance the duties of the Master's Chair. Lodge reports were called for and by question and answer local problems diagnosed and remedies suggested. Part of the first degree was exemplified for the purpose of focussing attention on some part of the ritual, while the Custodians commented upon the work and answered questions.

Results were mixed like the story of the sower in the Bible. I desire a frank discussion upon the question of the continuance of our District Meetings in their present form. Personally, I feel that the original intent of the meeting to accomplish uniformity of the Work has been reasonably attained, and that this aspect might well be left to the personal supervision of the D.D.G.M., and consultation as occasion demands with the Custodians.

My indictment of the District Meeting as at present constituted is:

1. A waning interest on the part of the Craft at large has been apparent for some years.
2. In many districts the afternoon meeting is not a success, by a fair standard.
3. Considerable expense to Grand Lodge is entailed by the observance of the Constitution requiring the presence of both Custodians of the Work. Few questions are now asked them which have not been answered many times previously.
4. A growing impression prevails in some districts that the main purpose is for the election of the D.D.G.M. and as such it only concerns those eligible to vote for that office.
5. Verbal lodge reports often prove inaccurate as the officer of a delinquent lodge does not care to have his lodge shown up in its true light.

In the light of these conditions, I recommend that:

1. The mandatory clause of the Constitution, requiring the presence of the Custodians, be relaxed for this year.

2. The afternoon meeting take the form of a round table conference with the Grand Master, D.D.G.M., Grand Secretary and principal officers only of the lodges, and that lodge problems be discussed.

3. Where desirable a banquet without a program be held, to which all Masons are invited.

4. The evening meeting be devoted to the Grand Master and the D.D.G.M.

5. Any questions on the Work proper to be written be submitted over the seal of the lodge and transmitted through the Grand Secretary for rulings from the Custodians.

6. Questions relating to the secret work be dealt with by the Custodians at Grand Lodge only, and the D.D.G.M.'s informed of the answers.

LOTTERIES

In the month of January this jurisdiction was flooded with lottery tickets, emanating from Windsor, Ontario, and issued by the Shrine Club and Temple Association, soliciting financial aid by that route. Shortly after these tickets were issued a letter of apology was received from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, regretting the very grave lapse of propriety of members of the Craft in that jurisdiction and indicating that they were proceeding to deal with these brethren. In view of the fact that several years ago the Grand Secretary's Office had circularized the lodges concerning a similar invasion of alleged "Masonic" lottery tickets, it was not deemed necessary to repeat this, but a letter was sent to the D.D.G.M.'s advising them of the situation and requesting them to canvass their territory and suppress the tickets. In spite of this move, information continued to flow into the office from many points, complaining of the embarrassment caused to Freemasonry. In some instances Masonry was being held up to ridicule as tickets had followed the usual underground channels of such unlawful devices and were in the hands of those unsympathetic to our Craft. The columns of the *Bulletin* were then used to inform the Craft at large of the disavowal of the affair by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and to more fully place our ban on the sale of the tickets. We deeply sympathise with our Masonic brethren of Ontario. That they have dealt with those responsible in a summary manner is best indicated by the fact that mail matter addressed to the Windsor headquarters is now returned unopened and marked "Refused by order of the Postal authorities."

The sale of lottery tickets is clearly a contravention of the criminal code. It is needless for me to inform you that it has become a modern racket and organizations exist to promote the sale of lottery tickets whose credentials cannot bear inspection. Canadian and American authorities cause these tickets to be seized whenever discovered. Yet members of Parliament have been known to rise in their seats in the House of Commons with lottery tickets in their pockets, and Masons far and near are regular purchasers. So long as men buy, there will be men to sell. A Methodist mind suggests the buyer shares equal guilt with the seller. Masons! Are we true to Masonic principles if with a wink and a nod we support that which is not legal? Let us openly condemn this thing and its shadow shall never rise in our midst to remind us of our baser self.

DISPENSATIONS

I refused the following requests for dispensation:

1. For a lodge to hold a communication upon a mountain top. Conditions have so materially changed since the early days in the mountains, that former seclusion and privacy is not now so positive.

2. To ballot short of the prescribed period. There had been some delay in receiving the petition owing to its lying on the Secretary's desk while determination of jurisdiction was being ascertained.

3. To permit a lodge acting on a petition for affiliation where the applicant did not present credentials. The advanced age, failing health and the desire for a Masonic burial of the applicant were the arguments proffered by the lodge. Correspondence with England, where the applicant formerly resided, revealed that this brother had been suspended N.P.D. in 1913 and had never been reinstated, thus fully justifying the refusal.

4. To permit a lodge to participate in and wear regalia at a public procession on Coronation Day.

RULINGS

1. A Warden of a Lodge, during his absence in England, was duly elected as Worshipful Master. In June, 1935, he was installed by special dispensation which pointed out that he could not rank as a Past Master unless he served a full twelve months. In December another brother was elected and installed W. M. Later he was moved from the jurisdiction and the former Master was asked to carry on by the Senior Warden. This brother wished to know his rank and standing. Answer: His rank is an Installed Master and as such can at the request of the Senior Warden, occupy the Master's chair and confer degrees, but this in no way constitutes a fulfillment of the delinquency to rank as a Past Master, nor is he more than Acting Master.

2. A very jumbled maze presented itself when it was discovered that after a candidate had been initiated and passed in a lodge, an objection was made by another lodge. This brother had at one time lived near the other lodge, where he was not encouraged when he desired to make a formal application for membership. Later this lodge granted a waiver of jurisdiction to a neighboring lodge, but some of its members made an objection with the result that his petition was returned to him without being officially received in the lodge. He was then transferred by his company to a point outside the jurisdiction of these two lodges and resided for over twelve months in the vicinity of the lodge in which he was regularly initiated and passed, they having accepted his petition, but he had failed to reveal that he had signed a petition to another lodge previously. In the meantime the lodge which had granted the waiver to the lodge which returned his petition, had heard of his being accepted and initiated and made a formal protest against his acceptance and initiation. On inquiry being instituted it was found that the brother was honestly of the opinion that his petition, being returned to him, did not constitute a formal application, and the investigating committee believed him to be good Masonic material, but where the committee was at fault was in not making any inquiries of the lodges near his former place of

residence. I ruled that the lodge which granted the waiver of jurisdiction be reprimanded for doing so, well knowing that some of their members objected to the applicant; that the lodge which permitted him to sign a petition for membership was wrong in returning it to him, allowing him to think that the matter was cancelled, and I instructed the D.D.G.M. of their district to reprimand both these lodges. I also directed the D.D.G.M. of the district in which the brother resided to visit the lodge and point out to them the necessity for a complete investigation of all applicants, that while twelve months' residence was required, they should have made inquiry of the lodges near the applicant's previous place of residence, and to caution the brother as to his Masonic responsibility, pointing out his error in not making known that he had signed a petition to a Masonic lodge.

3. Two lodges with adjoining jurisdictions have for a number of years depended on an "understanding" as to their jurisdiction in certain localities on the border line between them. With the gradual development and settlement of the country, accompanied by the shifting of residence by members and prospective applicants, difficulties arose as to jurisdiction. At the same time the kindest relations existed between the two lodges. Apparently to avoid possible friction an appeal was made to me as Grand Master to define the boundary line between the two lodges. Knowing the country thoroughly in this district I realized the difficulties of the situation, having regard to the broken nature of the country, and that even if a boundary line were defined there would still be disputes; in fact, nothing short of a careful survey would be effective. I therefore ruled that the strict letter of the Constitution must be observed, and referred the lodges to Section 190 which states that "the jurisdiction of a lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge, by the ordinary way of travel," and only by the granting of a waiver of jurisdiction by the one lodge and a dispensation from the Grand Master to the other, could a petition be received from an applicant residing outside the boundary of the lodge desiring to initiate him. Thus each case as it arises will be decided on its merits.

4. The regular meeting of a lodge for the month of January fell on New Year's day. Without consulting any authority the lodge failed to meet on that date, but called a meeting one week later, at which the business of a regular meeting was transacted, including balloting on a petition for affiliation, which was accepted. Later, the Grand Secretary becoming aware of the irregularity requested a ruling from me. On examining the matter I felt the irregularity had occurred through ignorance and to declare the proceedings null and void would submit the applicant to another ballot, which might be considered unfair. I therefore decided that the irregularity must be healed by a dispensation and the lodge warned that they must adhere to the Constitution in future.

5. A travelling salesman who for some years had not lived long enough in one place to establish residence according to the Constitution, but who continuously worked in the same district, applied to a lodge for membership. The lodge asked for a ruling as to their jurisdiction. On inquiry I ruled that the place from which he worked and at which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

6. I ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed

to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working.

7. I ruled that a lodge could not grant "temporary honorary membership" to an unaffiliated brother who carried a dimit, advising the lodge that a dimitted Mason has only one right—that of applying for affiliation.

8. A lodge which wished to confer Life Membership on some of its members, under the old Constitution, gave notice that they would ballot for the same at their Installation meeting in December. This meeting was changed, by dispensation, to January 4, 1937, and I directed the Grand Secretary to inform the lodge that they could not do business which should come up at a regular meeting at an installation meeting, and that the balloting for these Life Members would have to be postponed to their regular meeting in January, pointing out that the regular meetings of a lodge are set out on their charter, and regardless of what may be in their by-laws there is only one regular meeting date in each month; that the installation meeting is a Festival and not a regular or emergent meeting, and the St. John's dates have been set aside by the Constitution for this purpose only, but which can be changed by special dispensation. As the lodge had acted through a misconception, in good faith, I ruled that the Life Memberships as granted would be registered as under the old Constitution in 1936.

INSUBORDINATE CONDUCT

Insubordinate conduct on the part of members of lodges is fortunately rare but one case was brought to my attention owing to the persistent refusal of a brother to return certain property of the lodge which he had in his possession as an officer and should have returned to the lodge when he ceased to hold office. He ignored requests from the Master and Secretary and from the D.D.G.M. of his district, making the claim that he had been irregularly treated by the lodge and was entitled to retain the property mentioned. A formal protest from him was made to me and a careful investigation of the circumstances made it clear that the lodge had acted in a constitutional manner and I ordered him to return the property of the lodge. Even then he failed to do so. I therefore set a date on which if the said property was not returned I would declare him summarily suspended from all the rights of Masonry, which I am pleased to say was not necessary as the brother finally complied with my order.

I only mention this case because the brethren should be occasionally reminded that Masonic authority must not be flouted.

BI-CENTENARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

Two years ago Grand Lodge accepted a preliminary invitation to be represented at the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to be held in the City of Edinburgh on November 30th, 1936. The official invitation was received by me as Grand Master and I proceeded to make such arrangements, both Masonic and professional, as would enable me to leave the jurisdiction in November to attend at this important event.

I found myself exceedingly fortunate in having as trans-oceanic companions on the *Queen Mary*, the following representatives of other

Grand Lodges: M. W. Bros. J. E. Hart, G.M. of South Carolina; John Kain, G.M. of Montana; Harry E. Lowe, G.M. of Delaware; A. M. Showalter, P.G.M. and R. W. Bro. Eddy, D.G.M. of Virginia; several of whom were accompanied by their wives.

I arrived in the beautiful old city of Edinburgh on November 28th and with other delegates was a guest of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Caledonian Hotel, where for a week the reception committee of Grand Lodge left nothing undone that could add to our comfort and pleasure. I was delighted to find V. W. Bro. Peter Ferguson, who is well known to the Alberta Board of Benevolence, a member of this committee.

An impressive program was prepared for us, which could be divided as international, functional, and social. A perusal of the guest list revealed representatives from England, Ireland, ten European, eight African, five Asiatic, three Australasian, five South American, Bermuda, Newfoundland, twenty-one United States of American, and five Canadian Grand Lodges.

The occasion provided by the Grand Lodge of Scotland proved to be a common meeting ground for universal Masonry, where an opportunity of becoming mutually acquainted and discussing common problems was afforded delegates, who largely represented the "intellectuals" of their countries, particularly those from Europe, among whom were statesmen, members of professions or the great universities. Thus, for instance, advantage was taken to promote the true basis of world peace through common understanding. Even seating arrangements were such that unquestionably that idea was present in the minds of those who planned the program and many and varied were the informal conversations held during that never-to-be-forgotten week as one sought enlightenment or gave information. One endeavored particularly to meet as many of the European representatives as possible, to learn at first hand and without bias what social and economic yeasts were brewing in that unhappy continent and to be told of the weary souls who with sinking hearts look to an otherwise sane Christian world for Peace! Peace!! Peace!!! A roll call of the nations represented at the Bi-Centenary is important, not so much as to those who were there, but as to those who were not—to wit., Russia, Germany, Italy and Spain. Democracy and Freemasonry are consonant while Masonry is abhorred by autocracy and dictatorship, and so representation by those countries was conspicuous by its absence.

The real purpose of our congregation was of course the auspicious celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the installation of H.R.H. The Duke of York as Grand Master Mason.

The Anniversary of St. Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, on November 30th, 1736, saw the birth of the Grand Lodge and so that day in 1936 was the great day upon which Grand Lodge was assembled in the vast Usher Hall for the important event.

The representatives of foreign jurisdictions were assembled in robing ante-rooms and ushered in individually for presentation to the Grand Master Mason, Sir Iain Colquhoun, and Grand Lodge. Those bearing gifts were advised in advance that there would not be an opportunity for any remarks, but that these gifts should be deposited with the Grand Secretary. To my care had been committed a beautiful illuminated scroll (a print of which will appear in the Pro-

ceedings) of greetings and congratulations, backed with a piece of leather obtained from the E.P. Ranch, the property of H.M. King Edward VIII. Upon my introduction, this was handed to R. W. Bro. T. G. Winning, Grand Secretary, who later informed me of the pleasure H.R.H. The Duke of York expressed on reading the engrossed message from Alberta. I was then escorted to a seat upon the stage with the other guests. According to Masonic seniority England's representative was the last to be presented. It was regretted, that owing to ill health, both their Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, and the Pro Grand Master, The Earl of Harewood, were absent.

We were then collectively welcomed by the Grand Master Mason in the warmest terms and accorded the appropriate honors by the colorful gathering of some 3,500 Scottish Masons, who occupied every available seat in that vast auditorium. Never again shall one experience such a thrill as when this was followed by three rousing British cheers from that throng of earnest and kindly disposed hosts. It was a salute which shall never be forgotten by the 180 guests.

Presently Grand Lodge was reminded that H.R.H. The Duke of York had been elected at the previous August quarterly meeting as Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the stead of his royal brother, H.M. Edward VIII, who had been elected in November, 1935, but was obliged to forego the high honor on the death of King George V and his accession to the throne. A committee was delegated to retire and introduce H.R.H. The Duke of York, who was in waiting to be installed, and with a fanfare of trumpets and the skirl of bagpipes he was ushered in amid great applause. Upon being presented he was requested to subscribe to the oath of fealty, promise to submit to and obey the ancient regulations and Constitution and upon his knees at the altar took the obligation of a Grand Master Mason. He was then invested with the beautiful Scottish light green and gold regalia of office.

The investment of the other officers followed, among whom I was delighted to see V. W. Bro. Peter Ferguson invested as Grand Marshall. At the completion of the ceremony of investiture we were addressed by H.R.H. the Grand Master Mason, who first read a message just received from his royal brother, H.M. The King, and followed by expressing his keen appreciation of the great honor which had been conferred upon him on this historic occasion. Afterwards Grand Lodge was closed by him in the usual form.

I came away with several very definite impressions. First, the great dignity with which Freemasonry is surrounded over there. Men of rank, men of affairs in State and business, give freely of their time, talents and wealth to the promotion of this institution of ours, and it is not an ephemeral or casual interest, but real, sustained and vigorous. Second, that Fellowship and Benevolence are the predominant elements. Their benevolence is on a tremendous scale, which almost puts us to shame. I shall never be able to adequately express my appreciation to the Scottish brethren for the warmth of their hospitality and the depth of fellowship enjoyed. They left no want unsatisfied, were perfect hosts and were good enough to sing "Will ye no come back again," at the farewell banquet.

Time will not permit me to speak here of the social part of the program, but I expect to incorporate this in a special report to be included in the printed Proceedings.

While in London, W. Bro. A. E. Carlyle, Secretary of Canada Lodge No. 3527, and W. Bro. C. G. Arthur, did me the very great honor of inviting me to that lodge so noted for its hospitality to visiting Canadians. I was officially received as Grand Master of Alberta and given every salute and honor accompanying that rank. It was a pleasure there to meet several Canadians who are making their mark both in business and Freemasonry. The lodge was honored that night by the attendance of R. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, first Worshipful Master of Canada Lodge, a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Past Grand Warden of both Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan, who had come after a three months' period in hospital to express his joy and appreciation of the attention of the brethren given him. It was a matter of deep regret to read of his death in the Orient a few weeks ago.

INVITATIONS FROM GRAND LODGES

I have received many pressing invitations to attend communications of other Grand Lodges, some of these as a result of the contacts made and friendships cemented at Edinburgh. It was a matter of deep regret that personal affairs did not permit me to attend the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held in Charleston on April 12th to 14th, which was presided over by our beloved recent travelling companion, M. W. Bro. J. E. Hart, Grand Master. Then there was the invitation to the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, held in Baltimore, on May 16th to 18th, which I had accepted, expecting to be able to attend; but at the last moment I found it was impossible to do so. To the dear friends, M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Harry C. Mueller, Grand Secretary, I had to send my sincere regrets.

Invitations still lie before me from M. W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary of North Dakota, and M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, to attend their Annual Communications, which it would give me the greatest pleasure to accept and once again live the scenes we enjoyed together in Scotland. However, it would seem that I must deny myself the luxury of these pleasures. Yet I live in hope that some time when the frenzied struggle is more rich in its reward that I may again fraternize with these Princes among men.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

The appointment as a Grand Representative of another jurisdiction near the Grand Lodge of Alberta calls for the performance of certain duties and the expectation of the Grand Lodge issuing the commission that their representative is actively engaged in the Craft. My experience in Scotland very deeply impressed upon me our duty of maintaining cordial contact with the Masonic world which moves in the usual recognised sphere. Upon my return I immediately gave attention to the replacing of those Grand Representatives who had removed from this jurisdiction or who were no longer active in the Craft. Recommendations were consequently made to and confirmed by the Grand Masters of the following Grand Lodges of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Kentucky.....	R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis
Missouri.....	R. W. Bro. A. West
South Carolina.....	R. W. Bro. A. Davison

I have made the following recommendations, but commissions have not yet been received from:

Alpina (Switzerland) R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas
 Chili R. W. Bro. Fred Parker
 Roumania W. Bro. T. B. Donald

I also issued commissions appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters:

Alabama W. Bro. Charles A. I. Johnstone
 Alpina (Switzerland) W. Bro. Theodor Jacobs
 Colorado W. Bro. John H. Beatty
 Czechoslovakia (National) . W. Bro. Jiri Sedmick
 Kansas W. Bro. Leo N. Gish
 Roumania M. W. Bro. John Colman

As a result of the delightful personal contacts made at Edinburgh with several delegates from older jurisdictions which have not yet recognized Alberta, I took up the matter with M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, looking toward the promotion of such. He believed that in view of the personal touch it would be courteous if I should inaugurate the correspondence. I have thus to report to you that I have applied to the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark for the establishment of fraternal relations and the exchange of representatives. It will of course require some time to accomplish the fulfillment, but I am very hopeful that we may join the circle of friendship with these very old and honorable Grand Lodges.

VISITATIONS

Within the jurisdiction I set myself the task of devoting as much attention to the smaller lodges as I possibly could. Owing to my extended absence from the province I was not as successful as had been hoped. Wherever I went it has been a pleasure to have the support of those Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, who were local to the lodge. Every courtesy and due honors were at all times accorded your Grand Master.

Among the many lodges visited were Saskatchewan No. 92, Concord No. 124, Cascade No. 5 at Banff, where brethren were present from Golden, Windermere and Cranbrook in the neighboring jurisdiction of British Columbia; Mountain View No. 16, Ashlar No. 28, Crescent No. 87, Zetland No. 83 and Perfection No. 9.

Owing to the severe winter and roads made impassable by drifted snow, I was unable to attend some of the rural lodges which I had promised to visit. If they will accord me the honor of an invitation some time in the future I shall be pleased to redeem my promise.

My own lodge, King George No. 59, honored me greatly when I visited them officially on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary on October 23rd, 1936. It was just prior to my departure to Edinburgh and they presented me with a very fine wardrobe trunk. Many were the messages entrusted to me that night to be delivered to their dear ones in the old land, and I shall never forget the kindness of those who were so good as to write to relatives on my behalf.

On my return from the Scottish Bi-Centenary I felt it only due to my brethren to endeavor to give them something of the inspiration which I had received and to convey my impressions so that the Craft

might perhaps profit thereby for their generosity in sending me as their delegate.

Therefore it was a great privilege to attend Acacia Lodge No. 11 on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary, which offered me an opportunity of meeting so many of the Edmonton brethren, despite the fact that it was 39 degrees below zero that night. Several Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers kindly honored me by their attendance and it was an especial pleasure to meet there an "old stalwart" and as I remember the first Master of the lodge, the Hon. A. C. Ruth-erford, K.C., the first Premier of the Province of Alberta.

On February 8th I journeyed to Medicine Hat where the two lodges, Medicine Hat No. 2 and Mizpah No. 35, jointly offered me the opportunity of giving my story. There was a good attendance of local brethren, but owing to the blocking of the roads by drifting snow it was impossible for the brethren from the surrounding territory who had planned to be there to come in. M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M., and other Past Grand Officers, graciously honored me with their presence.

On February 18th, Zetland Lodge No. 83 had my own lodge as guests, which afforded me the opportunity of speaking to a large gathering.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone arranged a joint meeting for me in Lethbridge on March 10th at which the four Lethbridge lodges were hosts to nearly 300 brethren. It was quite the best meeting of my year, both in enthusiasm and numbers. Members were present from thirty-four different lodges and in numbers from Vulcan on the north to Milk River on the south. On this occasion I had the honor of being escorted by pipers in full uniform.

The Worshipful Master of Crossfield Lodge No. 48 was good enough to arrange a meeting on March 23rd, which many brethren attended from Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs as well as from Crossfield itself. M. W. Bro. Kemmis and R. W. Bro. George Moore lent their presence to make the journey by car more pleasant.

Through the kind offices of the Worshipful Master of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, on April 24th at Hillcrest I was enabled to meet the good brethren of the Crow's Nest Pass area and from Cowley, Pincher Creek and Macleod. Many Masons also were present from British Columbia points, Fernie, Cranbrook, Kimberley and Windermere. Indeed, some of these brethren were among those who attended at Banff last fall. On this occasion I was accompanied from Calgary by R. W. Bro. George Moore, J.G.W., the Grand Secretary and V. W. Bro. John Brown. M. W. Bro. C. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., of Sentinel Lodge, also honored me by his presence.

A meeting was held at Hanna under the auspices of Hanna Lodge No. 78, on May 12th, which was attended by the other lodges of District No. 14 and also the lodges in Drumheller. V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, Grand Steward, very kindly made the arrangements. This meeting was in celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth, and it also afforded an opportunity for me to speak of my visit to Edinburgh. A splendid representation was present from every lodge in the district. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. George Moore, J.G.W., and W. Bro. O. C. Smith, P.M.

LODGE BY-LAWS

More than the usual number of amendments to lodge by-laws have been presented for approval, no doubt caused by the important changes adopted in our Constitution last year, affecting non-payment of dues and Life Membership. I am sure there are many lodges yet which have not amended their by-laws to conform to the new Constitution. I would point out to them that they have no option in the matter and should immediately take steps to do so.

In perusing such amendments of by-laws as have come to my attention, I have observed in many there is frequently a reference to the Festivals of the Saints John, June 24th, and December 27th, as regular meeting nights. This is an error, as referred to in this report under the heading of Rulings. Before approving these by-laws I have written into them a change which designates these occasions as Festival meetings. So many installation notices came to me last December referring to the installation date as a regular meeting night, that I recommend that Worshipful Masters immediately inspect their by-laws and where the mistake occurs have it rectified.

In regard to the Standard Code of By-laws, which I find are used by many lodges, I authorized the reprinting of the same with such changes as would make them conform to the present Constitution, and I wish to thank the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, and especially the Chairman, M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M., for their work in this connection.

CORONATION CEREMONY

Having regard for the very high standing of our Sovereign, King George VI, in Craft Masonry, before his accession to the Throne, namely, M. W. Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England and now ranking as a Past Grand Master in both these Grand Lodges, and of our duty as loyal and obedient subjects, it seemed fit and proper that the lodges in this jurisdiction should in appropriate manner mark the occasion of his Coronation and that of his Consort, H.M. Queen Elizabeth, which took place on May 12th.

The thought in mind was that as His Majesty dedicates himself to the service of the people and the traditions and constitutions of the Empire, so also should we rededicate ourselves to the same high traditions and ideals of British democracy, and declare our fealty to the King. The principles of Freemasonry are so akin to the ideals of the British Commonwealth of Peoples that in the Coronation ceremony is the suggestion of rededication to these Masonic principles.

Through the columns of the *Bulletin* I intimated this thought to all Masters of lodges, suggesting that the occasion be marked at a meeting in the month of May. It was our original intention that each lodge or group of lodges should work out their own ceremony. However, there was such a wide appeal for a form of service that I directed our Grand Secretary to draft something suitable for the occasion, which he prepared and with very few adjustments approved and sent out to all lodges. Judging by the lodge notices which I received I am led to believe that almost every lodge held or took part in such a ceremony. So much favorable comment upon this ceremony has been received that I venture to recommend the annual use of some such flag ceremony for the purposes of commemorating the event and

its Empire significance. In these days of unabashed subversive influences endeavoring to undermine the power and influence of our Throne—the great symbol of a vast, united people—I feel that Freemasonry might well thus openly render that “allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land.”

THE OFFICE OF MASTER OF A LODGE

Several times during the year the question has arisen in some of the smaller lodges of granting dispensations to elect and invest a Warden out of time, owing to the removal from the jurisdiction of the lodge of the regularly elected and invested officer, their purpose in mind being that of later electing the brother to the Master's chair, short of the constitutional twelve months as a Warden of the lodge.

This situation is usually associated with a small lodge many of whose officers may already be Past Masters and the desire is to utilize some new member by investing him into office. Complying with the Constitution I have steadfastly opposed it. The rule requiring one year's service as a Warden is very important, because it protects the lodge to some extent from having an inexperienced, unskilled Master. The office of Master is not by any means a sinecure. Experience has shown that a lodge progresses exactly in proportion to the kind of Master it has worked under. In the ancient days of the Craft a workman was duly apprenticed, served his full time gaining experience and attaining sufficient skill to create a “master's piece” before he became a Master Mason. In like manner today a brother is actually serving his apprenticeship and acquiring experience for future duties as he, year by year, ascends the ladder of Masonic offices. I sympathize with these smaller lodges in their shortage of new material for officers and will make further reference to it later.

In the larger lodges too much importance cannot be placed upon the necessity of the Master fitting himself for the duties of that high office well in advance of his actual occupancy. The progress of a lodge coincides precisely with the intelligence, aggressiveness and personality of its Master. There is no mystery about the popularity and success of a lodge, providing it at all times practises the true principles of Masonic fellowship. It is all a matter of the leadership of the Master. Perpetual motion does not exist in Freemasonry any more than it does in the science of mechanics. There must be a continual inflow of power to maintain the forward momentum. A well read and perceiving Master is never at a loss to keep ahead of his brethren, in leading them through his year, if he has fortified himself by holding council from time to time with his officers and planning well in advance a definite program. As an aid to future Masters we have this year been advocating the use of Bro. Claudy's book, “The Master's Book”—truly a “multum in parvo” and full of invaluable suggestions.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

This committee as now provided for is appointed in toto by the Grand Master. The following were selected to carry on this very valuable work: R. W. Bro. A. West, S.G.W., Chairman; M. W. Bros. A. M. Mitchell, J. Martland, M. M. Downey; R. W. Bros. Geo. Moore, J.G.W., Fred Parker, H. N. Davis and R. Douglas; V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith and W. Bros. A. E. Ottewell, H. R. Leaver, A. Blair Paterson and W. Bell, whose report of their activities will be presented.

THE BULLETIN

We are all very interested in the splendid work being done by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., as Editor of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* which is issued monthly with the exception of July and August. At the District Meetings it was my pleasure to emphasize the manner in which lodges might more widely use it in maintaining interest in lodge meetings. Yet lately I was surprised to learn of one lodge at least where neither the Master nor the members had even heard of the *Bulletin*. It was evident that all three copies sent the Secretary of that lodge each month found the same destination of oblivion. It is a serious matter for any Secretary to side-track any legitimate correspondence directed to him for the lodge. I am glad to note that many lodges use portions of the *Bulletin* at every meeting. The Coronation number was creditable indeed; nine hundred copies were issued and there was a demand for more which could not be supplied. I trust Grand Lodge will express its appreciation of the valuable services M. W. Bro. Mitchell has rendered.

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Two of our overseas cases of benevolence have been handled for some years now with great satisfaction to all concerned. The patience, interest and good judgment displayed by the two brethren in charge of these cases has frequently been remarked upon by the Board of Benevolence.

It was my misfortune when landing at Southampton to miss meeting one of these brethren, V. W. Bro. Robert J. Dawes, but he later made a special journey up to London to see me and accompanied me on a visit to Canada Lodge. Bro. Dawes is Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer and a member of the Board of Benevolence of the United Grand Lodge of England.

V. W. Bro. Peter Ferguson, who resides in Glasgow, has charge of the other case, and whom I met on the Reception Committee at Edinburgh. His attention to my comfort and needs was all that could be desired. We had ample opportunity of discussing the particular case he is handling. As previously mentioned, it was a matter of delight to find our brother later at the installation ceremony invested as Grand Marshal.

I recommend that, in view of the services these eminent brethren have rendered to us, they be granted honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of Alberta equivalent to that which they now hold in their own Grand Lodges.

LODGE FIRE

On February 19th, 1937, St. John's Lodge No. 25, at Vegreville, lost all of their lodge furnishings by fire. Their hall was a rented one in a municipal building and the brethren had completely renovated it shortly before. It was a well furnished room, on the walls of which were many photographs and pictures of their old time members, all of which were destroyed. It was a sad blow to the lodge and it seemed a personal loss to me, for it was in this same room that the District Meeting was held last autumn. Fortunately the lodge had carried full insurance on their property and no doubt will be able to re-establish themselves, the only difficulty being finding suitable premises. I ordered a duplicate charter to be issued immediately, at the same

time conveying a message of sympathy to the brethren at Vegreville in their loss.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

It is indeed encouraging to observe from lodge notices that there is an increasing number of applicants. The structure of Masonry depends upon a continual building process. Therefore, when some lodges fail to receive new material over a period of several years the interest of officers and members wanes. I am pleased to inform you that many of these same lodges this past year have had the thrill of Masonic work in their lodge rooms.

An analysis of occupations of petitioners for membership discloses that in the rural areas they represent the salaried type, teachers, bankers, grain buyers, etc., with a small number of farmers in the more successful districts. The age level is comparatively satisfactory, the majority ranging from twenty-five to forty years. In the urban areas the picture is not so bright, although occasional work lies upon the trestle board of many of the lodges. There is a noticeable lack of applications from younger men. Part of the answer to this is the fact that Alberta has not yet emerged from the depressed state of industry and business, the effects of continued drought and the general feeling of uncertainty which prevails here. But on closer inspection one thing impressed me, that is in the larger centres Freemasonry is not getting its "batting average" of younger men who have been fortunate enough to establish security of position. This it seems to me calls for serious thought and has raised in my mind several questions:

1. Has Freemasonry lost its appeal to the rising generation? Amid all the materialism of this age, the desire to possess without earning, the growing neglect of the old conception of God and religion, idealism has not died out, and it is this characteristic in the human mind upon which the seed of Freemasonry may be sown and bear fruit. We must realize, however, that Masonry is not for the mass. Many a mistake was made in the boom days and we are still suffering from the consequences. An art that is founded on the operative philosophy of men who spread cathedrals like brown lace across western Europe, adorning them with stained glass, which stole brilliance from the sunlight, as an expression of that philosophy and their own ideals, which meant more to them than any material reward, should never lose its appeal. At least for those who are willing to seek and persevering will find the fuller significance of Freemasonry.

2. Are initiation fees too high? I have tabulated the fees charged in this jurisdiction and find a wide difference in the same districts. For instance, in the two larger cities fees range from \$50.00 to \$150.00. In the other cities they range from \$50.00 to \$100.00, while in the larger towns and smaller centres from \$40.00 to \$75.00. I do not propose to debate the pros and cons here. I merely ask if in the great difficulty our young people have in establishing themselves and the narrow margin today between income and expense, is there not a great likelihood that many otherwise desirable cannot afford to pay high fees?

3. Are lodges functioning in a manner which is capable of attracting the younger men? Frankly, I think there is much room for brightening up our lodge rooms and stimulating our meetings with greater attention to punctuality and earlier closing of the lodge. This, of course, is more in the general interest of the members, but the fact

that a Masonic lodge is successfully functioning in any community is in itself the most attractive recommendation it can have for an applicant. The fault is not that of Freemasonry, but rather of Freemasons who must square their lives by the square of virtue and diligently seek the truth, for

"He is the freeman whom the truth makes free,
And all are slaves besides."

As regards the financial condition of lodges, there is definite improvement. The load of outstanding dues has been cut approximately 40 per cent. Not only has this improved the standing of lodges, but that of the individual members. Worthy brothers' dues have been remitted, which will bring many of them back to regular attendance and encourage them to make a special effort to pay the current dues. While those who have been suspended through the operation of the Constitution, may represent a numerical loss, it is more than likely that the great majority of them have never been a source of strength and the lodges have been relieved of a burden.

The problem of the small lodge without any prospect of growth is becoming acute. Such lodges should either amalgamate with or be absorbed by the nearest lodge instead of lingering on until they are extinguished through lack of members and I would strongly recommend that this condition be examined into by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

I would like to say a few words about the general spirit of the Craft, as I have found it. A splendid atmosphere of brotherly love was noted wherever one went. Inter-lodge visitations seemed to be going on apace. Every opportunity is seized, when a lodge captures an event of interest, to "invite in the neighbors" to share it. There is joy and optimism in spite of these long years of depression and drought. After all "sweet are the uses of adversity" and, I would say, that the lamp of Masonry burns brightly in Alberta.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Great cumulative good accrues from the visitation outside of our own jurisdiction of the Grand Master. Just as the individual broadens with travel, so will Alberta Masonry broaden thereby. One of the most precious memories I shall carry with me is that of the many fine friendships I have been enabled to form with the representatives of so many Grand Lodges the world over. I therefore recommend that where possible our Grand Masters should be encouraged to visit other jurisdictions and that an annual sum not exceeding \$200.00 be made available for such purpose.

2. An invitation has been received from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to send a representative to the celebration of their 200th Anniversary in 1938. They hope, with the support of the other Canadian Grand Lodges, to induce a delegation from the United Grand Lodge of England (similar to those other memorable delegations sent to this continent) to attend this anniversary and then proceed westward across Canada, visiting each Grand Lodge.

It is a pleasure to recommend the hearty support of this proposal and support Nova Scotia in this admirable idea, and I trust that our

English brethren may be able to comply with it, so that we in Alberta may have the pleasure of entertaining them. The expense I understand would be entirely local for us, and I recommend that a sum of \$300.00 be set aside this year towards that item, and whatever balance, if any, is required, be appropriated next year.

3. Masonry has been in existence in Alberta for fifty-four years. Many jurisdictions mark the long attachment of brethren to the Craft by suitable medals or jewels. I believe it to be timely and proper that this Grand Lodge should adopt the principle. I so recommend and suggest that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to draft qualifications and a design for the jewel.

CONCLUSION

These are bewildering days in which the world finds itself. Internationally the nations are arrayed with totalitarianism ranged against liberty and democracy. Both forms of dictatorship, Communism and Fascism, have one thing in common, the Dictator. Both impose one form or another of State-ism upon their people. If the Divine right of Kings is no longer needed, neither do we require the Divine right of the State. Regimentation of men may temporarily ameliorate the condition of the less fit, but ultimately it stultifies those best qualified to contribute. It has not been by chance that civilization has received great contributions from Athens, from Florence, from Britain and from the United States of America. This has been true because there men's minds have been free. It is not peculiar therefore that we find our ancient institution standing through the centuries for the principles of liberty of thought and action on the part of the individual. Those who seek to overthrow democracy first smite such institutions as ours. It therefore behooves Masons to stand fast in support of those principles which our ancient brethren did much to foster in the Dark Ages and which now stand in peril about the world.

As my term of office rapidly draws to a close I look back with pleasant recollections upon the many kind deeds that have been done on my behalf; the splendid co-operation which I have enjoyed from my District Deputies and the support on every occasion rendered to me by both past and present Grand Lodge Officers. I would especially like to mention the help which I have derived from the office of Grand Lodge and the unfailing courtesy of the Grand Secretary. Grand Masters come and go, but the Grand Secretary is the continuing factor and thus responsible for the smooth operation of Grand Lodge machinery.

This has been one more of many trying years for the Craft, but the spirit of the older members, the "wheel horses" of the Fraternity, in the smaller lodges was a source of inspiration to me. How these brethren, year after year, endeavor to hold the members together and carry on is a marvel which shall long remain to impress me. It is my belief that the dark days are now behind us and that the future holds for Freemasonry in Alberta nought but greater strength and greater opportunity.

When in London recently I seized the opportunity to visit venerable Westminster Abbey and there stood with bowed head before the tomb of many a statesman, scholar and writer. One of the fortunate discoveries was the grave of our late distinguished Masonic poet laureate,

Rudyard Kipling, where fresh flowers lay upon the floor tablet. From his gift of verse I borrow, to more adequately express my concluding thought.

"My new-cut ashlar takes the light
Where crimson-blank the windows flare,
By my own work before the night,
Great Overseer, I make my prayer.

If there be good in that I wrought
Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine—
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought
I know, through Thee, the blame was mine.

One stone the more swings into place
In that dread Temple of Thy worth.
It is enough that, through Thy Grace,
I saw nought common on Thy earth.

Take not that vision from my ken—
Oh whatso'er may spoil or speed,
Help me to need no aid from men
That I may help such men as need"

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 9th, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once again this Grand Lodge stands with sorrow and regret, deep and sincere, in tribute to those brethren of this and of all sister jurisdictions whom we have lost by death since we last met in annual communication.

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead make this report:

Of this jurisdiction 147 master craftsmen from 74 lodges have completed their labors according to the design on their masters' trestleboards, have laid aside the working tools of this sublunary abode, and been called to the nearer presence of the Most High. They have not gone down to oblivion, but have gone into a life which all true Masons will enjoy. Do not think that when the Great Architect ceased making this world with all its sunshine and human activities His imagination became bankrupt and He had nothing left with which to make the other world. If these our brothers could come back to labor again with us in lodge they would not, with the fascinations of that great and glorious life opening out there before them, return again to us. And

"If we could but hear them singing
As they are singing now;
If we could but see the radiance
Of the crown on each dear brow;
There would be no sigh to smother,
No hidden tears to flow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the bells across the snow."

Of these our brethren we would speak particularly of a few. Time and the littleness of our knowledge prevents us from giving particular tribute to all.

R. W. Bro. John Henry Fleetwood, P.M. of North Star Lodge No. 4, who affiliated in 1892 from Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, G.R.M. He was appointed by the Grand Master of Manitoba as D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 in the year that the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed. In 1906 he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge. For many years he was School Secretary in the City of Lethbridge.

R. W. Bro. John F. Baugh, P.M. of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109 and a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 15. He was Secretary of his lodge for a number of years.

V. W. Bro. John Herron, was the first Master of Spitzie Lodge, then No. 45, G.R.M., a well known and respected old timer, who was over 80 years of age at the time of his death.

Two lodges lost their Masters—W. Bro. E. L. Buckwell of Alberta No. 3, who died at Folkestone, England, while on the Vimy Pilgrimage, and W. Bro. H. E (Ole) Moore, of Concord Lodge No. 124, who was one of the best known Masons in the City of Calgary.

To this list might be added some well known old timers: Bro. Geo. L. Fraser of Bow River Lodge No. 1; Bro. Wm. Wilson of Cascade Lodge No. 5; Bro. Thos. Rist of Acacia Lodge No. 11, who was mainly responsible for the success of their lodge hall and W. Bro. C. B. Morton, P.M. and Secretary of Apollo Lodge No. 27.

From other Grand Jurisdictions notices have been received recording the death of thirty-eight distinguished brethren. Of these perhaps by this Grand Lodge the death of M. W. Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M. of Manitoba and Honorary P.G.M. of Alberta, being the best known in this jurisdiction, will be especially regretted. This distinguished brother served for two years as Grand Master of Manitoba before the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed. During his term of office he visited many of the lodges in what is now the Province of Alberta and his enthusiasm for Masonry was communicated to the brethren through the instructive and interesting addresses he delivered on these occasions. More than once since our formation he has been an honored guest speaker at our annual communications. In public life he was at one time Minister of Education in the Province of Manitoba in which capacity his service was distinguished. For several years, for reasons of health, he resided at the Coast, where he continued to take an active interest in Masonry to the time of his death, which was a genuine loss to the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba also lost in the person of M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell, P.G.M., another noted Mason—one of the elder brethren who had much to do with the early days of that Grand Lodge. For many years he lived in retirement, but retained to the end an active interest in his Grand Lodge. He was well known to the old timers in Masonry across the prairies.

Another serious loss to Canadian Masonry was sustained in the death of R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and who has been especially mentioned by our Grand Master in his address.

Some Grand Lodges have suffered severely, Minnesota having lost by death two Past Grand Masters and their Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John Fishel, in the same month, the latter having served as Grand Secretary since the year 1907 and who had celebrated the 50th anniversary of his raising earlier in the year.

Michigan also lost a veteran Grand Secretary in M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, P.G.M., who for thirty-three years occupied that office. He was Grand Master in 1897 and became Grand Secretary in 1903, two years before the formation of our Grand Lodge. His friendly correspondence endeared him to his fellow Grand Secretaries everywhere.

A Grand Lodge with which we have only recently completed fraternal recognition, Czechoslovakia, lost its Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. L. Schwarz, who was also our Grand Representative there. Bro. Schwarz was esteemed as one of the leading Masons in his jurisdiction and his loss will be severely felt.

M. W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nevada died at Reno on July 11th, 1936. He was Grand Master in 1927 and has conducted the Foreign Correspondence for the Proceedings, his reviews being always interesting.

M. W. Bro. H. M. Cheney, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire since 1910, died on January 1st this year. He too made the Report on Correspondence for his Grand Lodge and did so for twenty-nine years. He will be greatly missed from the round table by his brother correspondents. He had a national reputation as a great Masonic leader, which in fact extended to many other jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of Montana suffered the loss of no less than five Past Grand Masters, one of whom, M. W. Bro. James H. Monteith, was Grand Master in 1894, and another, M. W. Bro. E. C. Day, ruled his Grand Lodge in 1897. He was also President of the Masonic Home of Montana from 1907 to 1934.

To the Grand Lodges sustaining these bereavements we extend sincere fraternal sympathy.

We know "they shall not pass this way again," but Masonry is aware of their passing. They were honored brethren in some lodge. Each and every one of them was conscious of that honor with its obligations and responsibilities. They were brethren from Fidelity, from Acacia, from their own lodges, but their obligations were, as yours, to the Craft in general.

It is not given to all men to have lived in the days through which they, our deceased brethren, passed. To have lived during the last generation is a privilege never before afforded in history, and unlikely to be repeated or surpassed. Today we live in great days, history making days. Some bemoan the smash-up of the world as our fathers knew it. But the world disintegrates only as a seed is broken, that a new plant may grow, mature and bear fruit. The past is the seed of the future: as in the past, new and vigorous brotherhood dedicated to the use of all our effort, all our resources for the weal of mankind, to use our craftly knowledge to be more eminently serviceable to mankind.

This memorial reminds us of the swift mutations of life. Nothing in life is permanent, is static. Nature abhors both a vacuum and dull monotony. Life is a stream on whose bosom is etched everlasting change. The earth is full of life, beauty and loveliness; and its beauty and loveliness do not last. It changes as swift as the wings of light.

"Beauty comes and beauty goes
Like the petals of a rose
Song is but a moment's bliss,
Fleeting as a lover's kiss;
Dawn's bright promise of a day,
Quickly crumbles in decay;
Spring is but an eerie, banshee light,
Vanishing in a burst of flight:
And in all this transiency
Only God and hope remain to me."

The passing of these brethren of ours brings into sharp relief not only the eternal change of all things, but the mystery of death. Life, too, is quite as much a mystery. What is life with all its wondrous, mighty energies? Its definition and its source has escaped all our sages and philosophers. What is death? Only one poet can approach a definition:

"Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall,

On quiet hinges it gives at dark
When the thrushes call.

“Along the lintel are green leaves
Beyond, the light lies still;
Very weary and willing feet
Go over that sill.

“There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all,
Death is only an old door,
Set in a garden wall.”
Fraternally submitted,

JOHN RAPER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. John Raper (76), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), “That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge be assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges.”

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:45 o'clock p.m.

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

And D.D.G.M.'s of Districts 2 and 8

The Grand Master then called for nominations for the office of Grand Master. The Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, D.G.M. The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master directed the members of Districts No. 2 and 8 to retire and elect D.D.G.M.'s for their respective districts, the election of D.D.G.M. for District No. 2 having been deferred until this Grand Lodge and in District No. 8 the D.D.G.M. elected at their District Meeting had been transferred without the province and therefore resigned.

It was subsequently reported that W. Bro. J. A. Bell of Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat, had been elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, and R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore, for District No. 8.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Crossfield, May 15, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in District No. 1 for the year 1936-37.

I wish first to thank you and the members of District No. 1 most sincerely for the honor and privilege of being your representative in this your own district, and also for the most hearty co-operation you have extended to me at all times. I also wish to thank the other members of Grand Lodge, both past and present, for the assistance they so readily gave me while carrying out my duties. It has been an extreme pleasure to work with you all in this most noble and honorable work and my sincere hope is that I have been able to contribute something of value to its progress.

VISITATIONS

I regretted very much the fact that two months after being installed in this high office I found it necessary to move from the district to Edmonton which made it very inconvenient for me to perform the duties in the way I would like to have done. However, in spite of this inconvenience and the many hundreds of extra miles I had to travel I am glad to report that I have officially visited every lodge in the district at least once and some twice. I have also had the pleasure of accompanying you M. W. Sir on many of your official visits in many other districts as well as District No. 1, and I can assure you that they have all been very interesting and most valuable. I particularly wish to mention the inter-provincial gathering at Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, when three lodges from the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia and three from our own Grand Jurisdiction met and were the guests of the Officers and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5. This meeting was voted an outstanding success and I believe of untold value to those lodges present and the Craft in general. I think more such meetings should be encouraged.

MASONIC SPIRIT

The spirit of the lodges generally is very good and apparently complete harmony prevails with the exception of one or two lodges. In these, only minor problems exist, of which you are aware and in which I am glad to report that there is some improvement. The increased number of visitations are a decided help in broadening the viewpoint and outlook of the members and should be further encouraged as it tends to increase that spirit of fraternity that is so necessary and so valuable.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

There is a total membership in District No. 1 of 2,420 of which 581 are listed as non-residents of the districts in which their lodges are situated. There is a decrease of 118 net of which 35 have been called to their great reward by the Supreme Architect, 42 have dimitted and 104 were suspended for N.P.D., the change in the Constitution being mainly responsible for these. Thirty new members have been admitted and thirty others joined by affiliation or restoration. The attendance is not up to what I would like to see it, but with the many other attractions perhaps it could be considered fair. 177 regular meetings were held and 77 emergent with an average attendance of 39. Every lodge except one conferred at least one degree while all but three conferred all three degrees. Any work that I witnessed was performed in a very efficient manner. 588 members were in arrears, counting 1936, owing a total of \$7,904.69. A large amount of this has been paid since the beginning of the year.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE

\$4,699.75 has been expended for relief or charity exclusive of that paid by Grand Lodge. All lodges except one have contributed to this amount. There are 13 beneficiaries receiving assistance regularly. I think M. W. Sir, we can feel proud of the way most lodges in this district look after the sick and needy. It is most interesting to hear the report of the vast amount of work the sick committees are doing and the letters showing how their work is appreciated. In most lodges committees are constantly on the lookout for distressed or needy brethren, which is a very fine Masonic spirit.

FINANCIAL

All lodges in this district except three, show a fair or good financial statement. These three have capital obligations that have impeded their progress but they are all showing improvement under very capable management. Every lodge shows some liquid assets which include bonds as well as cash, the total for the 16 lodges being \$25,681.92. The total liabilities of the 16 lodges is \$34,194.34 mostly covered by debentures and mortgages. I am pleased to report, however, that two of the lodges show no liabilities at all, two others only a small amount for pre-paid dues, a fifth only \$3.90. Every lodge in the district either own or are part owners of the Lodge Homes, and their total assets over total liabilities are \$155,523.79. All lodges are on a sound basis in this respect.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on October 24th, with an exceptionally good attendance at both afternoon and evening meetings. We were very pleased and honored to receive you, M. W. Sir, accompanied by so many of your Grand Officers. I think you will agree it was one of the most successful meetings held in District No. 1 for a considerable time and I wish again to thank the committee in charge as well as the officers and members of the different lodges of the district for their successful efforts. The exemplification of the Irish Lodge by members of King George Lodge was most instructive and entertaining and was without doubt the highlight of the meeting. Your own address, M. W. Sir, was not only educational and inspiring, but opened up many new lines of thought, making it of inestimable value to us all. Balloting for D.D.G.M. for the Masonic year

1937-38 resulted in the election of W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine, P.M. of Renfrew Lodge, No. 134, subject to the confirmation of the M. W. Grand Master.

GENERAL

I have endeavoured to carry out your every wish and command promptly and have had the wholehearted support of all the lodges in this respect. The programme commemorating the Coronation Ceremony was most fittingly carried out and after witnessing it performed in three lodges I have no hesitancy in stating that the brethren in District No. 1 have pledged themselves in no uncertain terms with Fidelity and Loyalty to His Gracious Majesty King George VI and His Gracious Queen Consort.

My thanks are due in no small way to W. Bro. H. E. Howard for his faithful services as District Secretary and to M. W. Bro. Kemmis and R. W. Bro. Moore for their every willing assistance and advice. I wish again to thank most heartily all the brethren of District No. 1 for the great honor they conferred on me in electing me to this high office and I trust that I have in some small way merited that confidence for which I shall forever be grateful, and to you, M. W. Sir, for the honor and privilege of being your Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

R. M. McCOOL,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Bow Island, May 22, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta. A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour, M. W. Sir, to submit for your consideration and approval my report on conditions of the various lodges in District No. 2, for the year 1936-37.

It has been both a pleasure and privilege to serve as Deputy for you in District No. 2. I wish to thank the officers and brethren for the honour bestowed on me, and for your approval of my election.

I have visited all lodges in the district, and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation, to the officers and brethren for the very cordial reception and loyal support and assistance accorded me during the year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Medicine Hat, September 24th. There was a splendid representation of all the lodges, also a number of visitors present. The meeting was opened by the officers of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, under the new form, at 2:00 p.m. and the Grand Lodge Officers were received with the usual honours.

During the Session the usual routine was followed, after which the Officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 assumed the chairs and exempli-

fied the work of the first degree, in a most gratifying manner. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay, gave a very inspiring address on Masonry in general.

The evening session was given over to a Banquet and Masonic Addresses, and was largely attended. I had the honour and pleasure of presiding over this entertainment. The Grand Master gave a masterful address which was greatly appreciated by those permitted to be present. M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock enlivened the meeting with a rather humorous address after which R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis was presented by me with a bar attached to his jewel, as an earned recognition of his services in completing the unexpired term of the late R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney. Fitting and sympathetic reference was also made to the passing of the late R. W. Bro. Courtney.

The following are the statistics concerning the various lodges in District No. 2.

To Deaths.....	9	
Suspensions N.P.D.	12	
Dimits.....	11	
	—	32
By Initiations.	10	
Affiliations.....	2	
Restorations ...	1	
	—	13
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Leaving a net decrease of.....	19	

Liquid assets of lodges in District (Cash and Bonds).....	\$13,073.78
Total liabilities.....	1,891.00
Total assets over liabilities.....	26,155.70
Paid out in benevolence.....	1,056.68
Total Insurance in force.....	15,250.00

Lodges owning their buildings, two; renters, six.

October 10th, 1936. Mizpah Lodge was officially visited. There was an exceptionally large attendance. The first degree was ably exemplified by the officers at this meeting. This lodge is in splendid condition; the tone is excellent and inspiring. A most enjoyable evening was spent, a brief talk on the Vimy Pilgrimage being much enjoyed. Books and records are exceptionally well kept.

October 28th, 1936. In company with several brethren of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, I had the pleasure of officially visiting Manyberries Lodge No. 133, when the first degree was put on in a very dignified manner. Our party received a most courteous reception on this evening. I found the books in splendid shape and much credit is due the Secretary, Bro. W. L. Yorke. Manyberries Lodge although labouring under adverse conditions, is in a most laudable position, largely due to the enthusiasm of its members.

November 3rd, 1936. In company with several of the brethren of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, I visited Quarry Lodge No. 70, where we found a goodly number of local brethren and visitors convened for the session, at which the E. A. degree was presented for our pleasure in a most gratifying and dignified manner. I received a very enthusiastic reception. The books of Quarry Lodge are neatly kept and worthy of note. The Historical Register which is in course of completion is an asset to the lodge, and much credit is due the Secretary, W. Bro. J. R.

W. Cann, for his painstaking efforts. On this occasion in company with W. Bro. Werts I visited Bro. William Henderson (the grand old man in Masonry) who was then residing with his son, and unable to be present at the meeting. I found him cheerful and highly pleased with my visit. Bro. Henderson has since passed on to his great reward, and at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I had the honour to represent Grand Lodge at the funeral of our late brother.

November 10th, 1936. On the aforementioned date, accompanied by W. Bros. G. R. Calder, Stephens, E. E. Allen, and Bros. Speirs and Jenkins, I visited Bassano Lodge No. 55, after a drive of 120 miles. We reached our destination to find an attendance of 11 members assembled for the meeting. Bassano Lodge has an inviting lodge room but the Masonic atmosphere could be materially improved. The books and records are well kept. A most bountiful lunch was served and appreciated by all.

November 12th, 1936. Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 I officially visited on this date, accompanied by a number of the brethren of Bow Island Lodge No. 64 and a good representation from Doric Lodge at Taber, making in all a very enthusiastic meeting. The second degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner, W. Bro. Prouse giving a very splendid paper on this degree. Grassy Lake Lodge is low in finances, but a very determined spirit prevails, and with the return of crops will assume its former place in Masonry.

November 17th, 1936. I had the pleasure of visiting Brooks Lodge No. 73. This lodge is an exception to the usual lodge in regard to enthusiasm. The degree work exemplified at this meeting was done very efficiently and a splendid Masonic spirit shown. I wish to comment very favorably on the splendid condition of the various records, books and the Historical Register. Much credit is due the Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. E. Anderson, for his clerical work.

December 28th, St. John's Night. I had the honour of Installing and Investing the Officers of Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 and Bow Island Lodge No. 64 at a joint installation held at Grassy Lake, at which I was assisted by W. Bro. G. R. Calder and W. Bro. Stephens. There was a good attendance at this meeting, practically all officers of both lodges being present.

May 3rd, 1937. I attended the funeral of the late W. Bro. F. A. Lumbard, representing the M. W. the Grand Master on this occasion. This being a Masonic funeral, was very largely attended, the burial services being performed by W. Bro. G. R. Calder, in a very fitting manner.

May 11th, 1937. I officially visited Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 accompanied by a number of Bow Island brethren, the second degree being conferred on this occasion. The degree work was carried out in the same high order that one always finds in Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. This lodge is very ably officered and the work done is such as one finds in very few lodges. There is a splendid set of books kept which speaks well for the secretarial work.

May 18th, 1937. I visited Bow Island Lodge No. 64 officially. At this meeting the second degree was exemplified in a very fitting manner. There was a very large attendance at this meeting, which was very gratifying to me, this being my home lodge, there being twelve brethren present from Grassy Lake Lodge. Bow Island No. 64 is holding

its own very well, and compares very favourably with other country lodges, their arrears of dues being one of the lowest in District No. 2. With the return of crops Bow Island will again move forward.

In conclusion, allow me to express my thanks to the brethren for their support. To those who have freely given their time and services on my visits, my profound gratitude is due, and especially to W. Bro. G. T. Calder for his assistance and untiring efforts in the work of District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM HYLAND,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Jasper, May 11, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 for the year 1936-37.

In 1936 I visited each lodge officially and have also made several unofficial visits since. In all I travelled by train or car 2,780 miles to make my first round of official visits, on account of living at the west end of the district. I cannot see how changing the district will help, but if some of the lodges would change their meeting nights, it would assist in cutting down the mileage travelled. A D.D.G.M. residing in any other part of the district would not have to travel such distances.

My official visits were as follows:

EDMONTON LODGE No. 7

I visited this lodge September 8th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. West, S.G.W., and R. Cockburn, P.D.D.G.M. Fifty members were present. There was no degree work; but I saw this lodge exemplify the first degree at the District Meeting, and there is no question of their ability to confer degrees or to handle business.

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 129, Stoney Plain

I visited Meridian Lodge on September 9th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, and R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn, W. Bros. J. Weir, F. Whitfield, J. J. Blewett, C. A. Haslop and several members of Edmonton Lodge No. 7. This was a regular meeting, when the first degree was conferred, business and work being very good.

JASPER PARK LODGE No. '43, Jasper

This lodge was visited on September 10th, at their regular meeting. The attendance was rather poor, there being no degree work, but the business of the meeting was well handled. I visited them again on November 12th and saw them exemplify the first degree. Work good.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE No. 34, Leduc

I officially visited this lodge on October 6th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. West and R. Cockburn, W. Bros. Weir and Whitfield and Bro. Edwards of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, at their regular meeting. After the other business was disposed of the Master Mason degree was conferred on Bro. Salton of Albion Lodge, Chauvin. The business was well handled, degree work good, books in good shape except the Historical Register. A committee is bringing this up to date, making fair progress and expect to have it completed by the 24th of June, when the change of officers takes place.

UNITY LODGE No. 51, Edmonton

On October 20th, I visited this lodge accompanied by M. W. Bro. Downey, R. W. Bros. Cockburn, MacQuarrie and Whitby. The second degree was conferred. The officers are to be congratulated on the efforts they are making to overcome their difficulties. After lodge was closed we were entertained by moving pictures of "A Trip to Alaska."

COMMERCIAL LODGE No. 81, Edmonton

Accompanied by R. W. Bros. Geo. Kilgour, A. West, Macquarrie, Flavin and Whitby, I visited this lodge November 7th. The officers are efficient and the lodge is in good condition. Books are in good shape and it is a pleasure to read the Historical Register.

WETASKIWIN LODGE No. 15, Wetaskiwin

I visited this lodge on November 19th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. West and Cockburn, W. Bros. Weir and Whitfield and Bro. Edwards of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, and W. Bros. Champion and Booth of Unity Lodge No. 51. The first degree was exemplified, the work being well done. The lodge is in good shape, with an active membership.

EDSON LODGE No. 68, Edson

I visited Edson Lodge on December 3rd accompanied by R. W. Bro. Jellis. Eleven Past Masters were present. This lodge has no outstanding dues and is in excellent condition.

On May 17th I will visit Empire Lodge No. 63 in District No. 10 for their Annual Empire Night and Coronation Celebration and Unity Lodge No. 51 on May 18th for their 27th anniversary of the founding of the lodge.

I found the lodges in this district with a good set of officers who were earnestly striving to carry on, in some cases in the face of rather discouraging conditions. In every lodge except Commercial and Edson I either saw degrees conferred or exemplified and the work was well done and business well handled.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held jointly with District No. 12 in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on October 7th, 1936. The attendance was rather disappointing, although all lodges in District No. 3 were represented. Changing the day of the meeting from Saturday to the middle of the week I do not think improved attendance, as what

was gained from the country lodges was offset by losses from city lodges. At the evening session a rather frank discussion was held re attendance and time will tell if any good will result from this discussion.

W. Bro. Bradley of Unity Lodge No. 51 was elected D.D.G.M. for the following year.

The thoughtful address given by the M. W. Grand Master was commented on very favorably by a number of the brethren present.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Only a few of the lodges in this district are making a serious effort in this matter, but those that have are improving attendance and appear to be creating more interest in the meetings.

Some of the other lodges appear to be becoming interested as they see the benefits accruing from this study.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend that the Statement of Work be sent out at the same time as the Financial Statements. It would ease the work of the Secretaries of lodges.

I find the Grand Lodge Bulletin very interesting and recommend that it be continued.

Would recommend that there be a re-adjustment of meeting nights in this district to facilitate the work of the D.D.G.M. and also for the convenience of inter-lodge visits.

GENERAL

I would be lacking in courtesy if I failed to here acknowledge the debt of gratitude I owe to R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, R. W. Bro. Cockburn, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. West, S.G.W., W. Bros. Weir and Whitfield, the latter who acted as District Secretary for Districts 3 and 12, and all of whom so freely placed their time and services at my disposal to assist me in carrying out my duties.

In turning this office over to my successor I think I understand something of the feelings of Mr. Cecil Rhodes the great Empire Builder of South Africa who when he lay dying said, "So much to do and so little done."

I must express my appreciation to my predecessor for the records he turned over to me when I assumed office. I also wish to tender my thanks for the loyal support and co-operation of the Officers and Members of the several lodges in this district.

May I also express my appreciation of the assistance and advice of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

I bespeak for my successor the same support as was given me.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. SHAW,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Red Deer, May 15, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1936-37.

I wish at once to thank the brethren of the district for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the office and for the very kindly way I was at all times received when visiting throughout the district.

I am glad to report that the year has been an active one in this district. The lodges are showing increases in membership and interest in Masonry. On one of my official visits I found four petitions for initiation and four for affiliation considered by the lodge at that meeting.

Possibly the outstanding event during my term of office was the celebration by Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe, of their 40th anniversary on September 16th, 1936. It was a most interesting meeting and the presence of nearly one hundred members of the Craft, of R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Deputy Grand Master, representing the M. W. the Grand Master, of W. Bro. T. L. Elliott, the only surviving charter member, and of M. W. Bro. T. F. English, who assisted in the institution of the lodge, made it a memorable occasion.

Nearly 150 members attended the District Meeting held at Red Deer on October 6th, 1936. It was an excellent meeting and I was honoured by an unusually large attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, including the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Junior Grand Warden, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon, Grand Treasurer, V. W. Bro. H. C. Liesemer, Grand Organist, and V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Grand Director of Ceremonies. M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, and M. W. Bro. Botterill, Past Grand Masters, and ten Past District Deputy Grand Masters were present. Every lodge in the district was represented for the first time for some years.

Two lodges, King Hiram No. 21, Didsbury, and Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer, had almost 100 per cent attendance of officers. The last named lodge opened the meeting while the officers of King Hiram Lodge filled the chairs for the closing, the Masonic Encyclopedia donated by W. Bro. Young of Britannia No. 18 for the best attendance of officers going to King Hiram Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master presented certificates of office to R. W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell, D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Grand Director of Ceremonies; V. W. Bro. Liesemer, Grand Organist.

W. Bro. J. L. Clarke of King Hiram Lodge No. 21 was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing term.

The ladies of the Eastern Star served an enjoyable banquet.

At the evening session the M. W. the Grand Master delivered his address and a number of other distinguished brethren spoke. Red

Deer was selected as the next place of meeting; but this was later changed to Olds by consent of all the lodges in the district.

At an emergent meeting of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer, on June 16th, 1936, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I invested V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith of this lodge as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

I visited all lodges in the district at least once, the dates of which are as follows:

September 1st, 1936—Bowden No. 42, Bowden.
 September 2nd, 1936—Eureka No. 10, Lacombe.
 September 3rd, 1936—Britannia No. 18, Ponoka.
 September 8th, 1936—King Hiram No. 21, Didsbury.
 September 10th, 1936—Carstairs No. 20, Carstairs.
 September 15th, 1936—Lochearn No. 151, Rocky Mountain House.
 September 17th, 1936—Innisfail No. 8, Innisfail.
 November 2nd, 1936—Mountain View No. 16, Olds.
 November 3rd, 1936—Kitchener No. 95, Rimbey.
 February 2nd, 1937—Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer.
 February 9th, 1937—Red Deer No. 12, Red Deer.

My official visit to Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, was honoured by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

I wish to express my grateful thanks to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 for his work as District Secretary. His knowledge of the district and his help, always freely given, were invaluable and I found it a real pleasure to work with him.

I would be ungrateful if I did not express my thanks to those Red Deer brethren who assisted me so freely with their time and thought and accompanied me on my visits throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. MITCHELL,
 D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Strome, May 15, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
 Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I give you below a report covering the Fifth Masonic District during the year I have spent as your District Deputy. There are some very gratifying features about this report whereas others cannot be so classed. However, with conditions as they were during the time under review, I feel that Masonry in this district has stood the test very well.

The district has a length of about one hundred and fifty miles consisting of twelve lodges, ten being on the C.P.R. Wetaskiwin Branch and two on the Alliance Branch of the C.N.R.

As your representative I visited all the lodges at least once and was received with the greatest courtesy and kindness on every occasion. A good deal of the district was hard hit again by lack of moisture and hail storms and it is wonderful how well the various lodges have stood the economic strain that they were called upon to bear.

On my visits, I requested every lodge to carry out your wish to have a portrait of our King appear on the wall of each one of them and I feel sure that this will be done.

I also stressed the fact that there is a great fund of information to be had from the reports of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, particularly the appendix covering Foreign Correspondence. I drew attention to the great work being done by M. W. Bro. Mitchell in the preparation of the Masonic Bulletin and asked those who appreciated this effort to write to the Editor and tell him so.

I found that several lodges have not been in the habit of putting their Charter away, even when several other organizations are occupying the same hall. In all cases of this kind, I pointed out the error in this regard, and requested that the charter be put away except when the lodge was open.

Looking at the statistical position, we find a decrease of thirty-one members from the report of last year. Death accounted for four of these and there were twenty-five for N.P.D. and twenty-one dimitted. Personally, I feel that this is most satisfactory, taking into consideration the very drastic change in the Constitution as regards arrears, that became effective at the end of the year. All the lodges practised the charity that you recommended in this respect and the few suspensions for N.P.D., speak for themselves. The number of members in arrears are very few less than a year ago, but the amount in dollars has been reduced from \$3,017.35 to \$1,385.75 or a decrease of \$1,631.60, leaving the amount much less than half of what it was a year ago. I feel that the clause of the Constitution now in effect in this regard will prove of ultimate good to Masonry in this district.

During the year under review, there was very little degree work. Many of the lodges are greatly indebted to their Past Masters for the active help and co-operation in the work of their lodges. Nearly every lodge has Past Masters as Treasurers and Secretaries and in many other cases in both Senior and Junior offices. Were it not for these faithful brethren, many lodges could scarcely function at all.

The District Meeting was held at Strome on October 1st, 1936. We had the pleasure of your presence on that occasion when you were accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the Work, also R. W. Bro. Raper, Grand Chaplain. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic and appreciative of your own and the other Grand Lodge Officers' attendance. The meeting was opened by Coal Lodge No. 62 and closed by Forestburg No. 128. The members of Camrose No. 37 exemplified the first degree in a most impressive manner and were highly commended by M. W. Bro. Connacher and yourself. I wish to record my personal thanks and appreciation to Camrose Lodge in this regard, most particularly W. Bro. Bertles and V. W. Bro. Johnson. W. Bro. Barrigan of Strome was District Secretary and proved a most capable one.

For the ensuing year, V. W. Bro. H. Farvolden of Forestburg was elected D.D.G.M. (subject to confirmation by the Grand Master) and Forestburg will be the scene of the 1937 District Meeting.

Practically all my duties as your representative have been the very pleasantest and harmony generally prevails in all lodges.

The statistical figures in this report do not cover any part of 1937. I am pleased to report that many of the lodges have taken in quite a few new members by initiation and some by affiliation and I believe that my successor will have the pleasure of reporting an increase in membership when he adds up the figures at the close of his year of office. While some of the lodges are still having difficulties, mostly on account of lack of interest and the small attendance of members, the district as a whole is in a satisfactory position.

From a financial standpoint, none of the lodges have had any difficulty. However, some of them are on the verge of trouble, should they fail to receive new members during the next year or so.

In closing, let me express the hope that my work as D.D.G.M. of this district has met with your approval and that the brethren feel that the confidence they reposed in me when they honoured me with this office, was not misplaced.

Yours fraternally,

J. HAMILTON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Granum, May 15, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of District No. 6 in which I served as your representative during the year 1936-37.

The District Meeting was held in Granum on Wednesday, October 14th, 1936. All lodges in the district were well represented and there were a considerable number of distinguished visitors from Districts No. 7 and 8. The meeting was opened by the regular officers of Joppa Lodge, the new form of opening and closing being used and favorably commented upon.

In attendance at the meeting were the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, J.G.W., and other Grand Officers. The Grand Master's address was well and favorably received. An address by R. W. Bro. H. O. Haslam on the Origin and History of Grand Lodge was interesting and instructive. Considerable discussion arose over the change in the Constitution re delinquent dues. It was contended that the blanket suspension under Section 236 of the new Constitution was unmasonic in spirit and worked a hardship on members who were willing, but temporarily unable to pay delinquent dues; that it upset the financial plans of a lodge and that a lodge understands the problems of their individual members and is more capable of solving them on their individual merits than any blanket regulation.

W. Bro. A. S. Dick of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 was elected next D.D.G.M. and High River was chosen as the next place of meeting.

I attended all the lodges in my official capacity once during the year, at

Joppa No. 40 on March 11th.
 Stavely No. 33 on April 6th.
 Nanton No. 17 on April 8th.
 Cornerstone No. 19 on April 15th.
 Cairo No. 32 on April 20th.
 Corinthian No. 22 on May 4th.

On all my visits I was received most cordially and I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 6 for their courtesy and hospitality. The discharge of my duties was a pleasure not to be soon forgotten. There is a movement on foot in Turner Valley to form a lodge and apply to Grand Lodge for a charter. There are in the neighborhood of 140 Masons in the Valley.

The general condition of Masonry throughout the district is fairly good, but initiates have been few.

The change in the Constitution re delinquent dues has compelled the lodges to take action and much has been cleaned up by remitting or suspending; but there was some dissatisfaction voiced against this change.

The financial condition of the lodges in this district is good. Total Assets over Liabilities shows an average per lodge balance of \$4,214.67.

And finally I wish to thank the members of the district for the honor they have conferred on me by electing me D.D.G.M. and to express my appreciation of their hospitality and co-operation. I also wish to thank R. W. Bro. McDiarmid who accompanied me on all my visits and assisted me by advice and the use of his library.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. MILLAR,
 D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, May 15, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
 Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

As the culmination of a most pleasant and much enjoyed year of serving in a humble way as your representative in Masonic District No. 7, I beg to submit my report of the year's (1936-37) activities in the district.

It has been my privilege and pleasure of visiting in such official capacity practically all of the lodges on two occasions, and before the Grand Lodge Communication I expect to have completed the second round of visits. In addition to these official visits I attended informally, on as many occasions as convenient, the various lodges in the district.

In the course of these visitations I was very much impressed with the splendid Masonic spirit prevailing, not only among the individual brethren of the several lodges, but also among the lodges as such. And I wish to mention particularly in this connection, the fine fraternal spirit which has been developed among the brethren of this district in this Grand Jurisdiction and the brethren in the northern portion of the Grand Lodge of Montana. This is particularly noticed in Verdigris Lodge No. 100 located at Milk River, being the closest in Alberta to Montana, and it has also been the pleasure of the brethren in Lethbridge to welcome some of the brethren from Montana to meetings in Lethbridge.

Regarding my official visits as your representative, M. W. Sir, I would report that I have made one to the different lodges in the fall of 1936 and again this spring, due to the fact that some of the lodges in the district instal and invest their officers in December. For your information the following are the dates of visits made or yet to be made in an official capacity:

North Star No. 4.....	Mar. 8, 1937.	
Doric No. 31.....	Nov. 10, 1936,	May 11, 1937
Lethbridge No. 39.....	Dec. 17, 1936,	May 20, 1937
Diamond City No. 65.....	Oct. 1, 1936,	Apr. 1, 1937
Charity No. 67.....	Dec. 8, 1936,	Mar. 9, 1937
Verdigris No. 100.....	Oct. 22, 1936,	Apr. 22, 1937
Foremost No. 103.....	Oct. 7, 1936,	May 5, 1937
York No. 119.....	Nov. 3, 1936,	May 4, 1937
Sharon No. 157.....	Nov. 25, 1936,	Apr. 28, 1937
Lucerne No. 159.....	Sep. 1, 1936,	Jun. 1, 1937

Although two of the lodges have not had any candidates during the year, yet in all the lodges except one I will have seen the degree work conferred or exemplified and I can unhesitatingly report that in every case the degree work was very capably and creditably done with due seriousness and solemnity. And in every lodge in the district the officers in the various stations during this Masonic year have been very capable and have conscientiously endeavored to discharge their duties, and I am most glad to report have succeeded in such endeavors.

Without detailing my official visits I would, however, like to refer to certain general meetings and meetings of a particular nature and significance held during the year. The first of these being the

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting for this district was held at Lethbridge on September 23rd, 1936, at which every lodge in the district was splendidly represented, at both the afternoon and evening sessions. And I can assure you, M. W. Sir, the brethren were pleased to be honored with the presence of yourself and M. W. Bros. Kemmis and Connacher. We are much indebted to you for a very instructive and interesting Masonic message delivered on that occasion. W. Bro. A. Stewart of Doric Lodge No. 31, Taber, was selected by the brethren as D.D.G.M. for District No. 7 for the year 1937-38 and Lethbridge was chosen as the place of meeting.

On Sunday the 11th of October a joint meeting of the lodges in Lethbridge was held for the purpose of attending Divine Service, when one of the best attended meetings, called for this purpose, in recent years was held and at which Bro. Rev. A. E. Plummer of Scobey Lodge

in Montana gave a most inspiring sermon. I would also mention that Bro. Rev. Plummer has accepted an invitation from Verdigris Lodge No. 100 to officiate at such a service to be held by this lodge at Milk River next month.

On December 28th, 1936, when assisted by R. W. Bro. Davidson and V. W. Bro. Sang and other brethren I had the honor of installing and investing the officers of the four lodges in this City, and on this occasion P.D.D.G.M.'s occupied the chairs.

On the 10th of March last we in this section of the province were favored with a visit from you when you gave us a very interesting and picturesque account of the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We are very much indebted to you for this visit and very appreciative of your address. In commenting on that meeting mention should be made of the large attendance which was representative of 35 lodges and which included, among others, quite a number of brethren from adjoining Masonic Districts Nos. 6, 8, and 11. On this occasion we were pleased to welcome R. W. Bros. Ross and McQueen of Districts 8 and 11.

On the 13th of April last Doric Lodge No. 31, at Taber, marked in a fine manner the 30th anniversary of the lodge, on which occasion a very much appreciated address was given by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M.

I feel particular mention should be made of the meeting held by Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 on the 15th of April, 1937, when they observed their yearly history of this lodge. A large attendance, including some visiting brethren from the Montana Jurisdiction enjoyed a splendid Vimy address given by V. W. Bro. Brig. Gen. J. S. Stewart.

The four lodges in Lethbridge and Sharon Lodge held a joint meeting on May 10th to fittingly mark the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, for which ceremony M. W. Bro. Judge Jackson, P.G.M., occupied the W. Master's station and other stations were taken by P.D.D.G.M.'s. On this occasion the brethren expressed and renewed their allegiance to His Majesty King George VI.

There is a slight decrease in membership shown during the year due largely to suspension for N.P.D. which naturally resulted, and I must say all the lodges in the district used due discretion in handling the arrears situation, giving proper consideration to every worthy case liable to suspension. None of the lodges have any outstanding liabilities and each shows a favorable balance sheet, some of course larger than others, but from this viewpoint the lodges are in satisfactory shape. The various lodges have already or are giving consideration to the question of amending their by-laws so as to bring them into conformity with the present Constitution of Grand Lodge.

Speaking generally as regards conditions in District No. 7, I am most pleased to be able to report to you, M. W. Sir, that a splendid Masonic spirit prevails throughout the district, which will no doubt continue and result in the extension of the principles of Freemasonry.

This past year during which, due to the good graces of the brethren of this district and of yourself, it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your representative, has been a very happy and interesting one to me, and I can only hope that I have been able to maintain the traditions established by my predecessors and that my humble service

meets with the approval of you, M. W. Sir, and of the brethren of the district.

In conclusion, I would like to mention, for the purpose of record, my sincere appreciation of and thanks for all the many courtesies and kindnesses shown me by all the brethren throughout the district and for the whole-hearted support and assistance accorded me by them at all times. And particularly I would like to record my thanks to W. Bro. P. Cull, who acted as District Secretary and to R. W. Bros. Douglas, Davidson and James, V. W. Bro. Sang and other brethren, whose names space will not permit me to mention, who so kindly assisted me and accompanied me on the various visits made to the different lodges throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. LIVINGSTONE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Pincher Creek, May 27, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report for the Eighth Masonic District, covering the past year.

During my term of office I visited, officially, all the lodges in the district and must say that at every meeting I received a most cordial and hearty reception.

There is a distinct improvement in the financial condition of most of the lodges in the district. The arrears of dues have been cut very considerably. This condition is due largely to the provisions of the new Constitution. The books and records of the lodges of this district are well kept. With the exception of two lodges the Historical Register is up to date. I impressed on these two lodges the necessity of having this work completed.

On my early visits there was a lack of degree work. However, towards the end of my term of office I noticed a distinct improvement in this respect. I was present at the conferring of two second degrees and three third degrees, the work being done very commendably. Considerable activity in degree work will be present in this district during the summer and fall of 1937.

I gave an address at each of my official visits. These addresses were as follows:

- (1) The Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry.
- (2) The Religion and Ethics of Freemasonry.
- (3) The Genius of Freemasonry.
- (4) The Symbolism and Teachings of the First Degree.
- (5) The Philosophy of Freemasonry.

The District Meeting was held in Pincher Creek on Tuesday, September the 22nd, 1936, and was attended by about 125. The

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Macaulay, M. W. Bros. Kemmis, Connacher, Cruickshank, Patterson and Middleton were present. The officers of Spitzie Lodge exemplified the first degree which was well done.

SUMMIT LODGE No. 30

I visited this lodge on November 5th, 1936, when 17 members and 16 visitors were present. The Historical Register of this lodge is well written up. There are 21 members in arrears; but the lodge is coping with its arrears actively. There is a Masonic Library. Attendance was small on account of a number of the members being on night shift at the mines. There is a good spirit of fraternalism. I gave an address on "The Symbolism and Teachings of the First Degree."

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 58

I visited this lodge on November 17th, 1936, when there were 8 members and 12 visitors present. There are ten members in arrears. The lodge is handling the arrears in a very efficient manner. The small attendance was due to the prevalence of "Flu" in the district. M. W. Bro. Middleton, R. W. Bro. Betts and the W. Master and officers did everything they could to make my visit a pleasant and profitable one. I gave two addresses at this meeting.

SPITZIE LODGE No. 6

Date of visit, April 6th, 1937. There were 45 brethren in attendance, prominent among them being R. W. Bro. Norman Macleod of Lethbridge. Two applications from young men were received. There was a "Candle Ceremony," dedicated to the Charter Members who had passed away, which was very impressive. Only four Charter Members are still living, among these being M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. A banquet and program concluded the visit at 1:10 a.m. Spitzie still keeps late hours.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 86

Date of visit, April 12th. There were 16 members present and 14 visitors. The arrears situation has been thoroughly dealt with. I officially invested two of the officers of the lodge. A nice spirit of fraternalism is evident. I gave an address on "The Genius of Freemasonry."

ALBERTA LODGE No. 3

Date of visit April 21st, 1937. Members present 32, visitors 13. M. W. Bro. Patterson came in 14 miles to attend this meeting. This lodge is very much alive. The first degree was conferred by the new officers. The work was certainly nicely done. This was one of my best meetings. Had it not been a stormy night, there would have been at least 70 present. I gave an address at the meeting.

SENTINEL LODGE No. 26

Date of visit May 13th, 1937. There were 24 members and 10 visitors present. Three third degrees were conferred at this meeting and the work was well done. A Coronation Service was held at the conclusion. I gave an address on "The Religion and Ethics of Freemasonry" M. W. Bro. Cruickshank and R. W. Bro. Crichton are towers of strength

in this lodge. Bro. Emmerson gave a very acceptable address at the Coronation Service. The meeting concluded at 1:30 a.m. and I got home at 2:55 a.m.

CHINOOK LODGE No. 47

Date of visit May 24th, 1937. Members present 12, and visitors 9. The second degree was conferred at this meeting. The Master and Senior Warden were absent; but the degree team, composed mostly of Past Masters, put on the work in good form. Bro. Purdy made an excellent candidate. A Coronation Ceremony was observed. I gave an address on "The Philosophy of Freemasonry."

I had the honour during my term of office, at a joint installation of the officers of Chinook Lodge No. 47 and Spitzie Lodge No. 6, of installing the Masters elect and investing the other officers.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of Masonic District No. 8 for the friendly spirit manifested towards me and the hearty co-operation accorded me during my term of office. I would also be remiss in my duty if I did not mention the loyal support of Spitzie Lodge No. 6. In some cases as many as fourteen members of this lodge accompanied me on my official visits and never once did I have to go alone.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. ROSS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rumsey, May 3, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry for Masonic District No. 9 during my term of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of District No. 9 was held at Big Valley, on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1936. The meeting was opened by W. Bro. Shaw and officers of Big Valley Lodge No. 140, after which I was presented, given the Grand Honours, handed the Gavel, and asked to take charge of the meeting. As the Grand Lodge Officers had not yet arrived, the business of the meeting was carried on as far as possible. Reports of the delegates present from the different lodges were heard. A recess was then called until the Grand Officers arrived. On their arrival they were introduced and given the Grand Honours.

The Grand Lodge Officers present were: M. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay, G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the Work; R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. H. M. Scott, D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

Questions were asked and discussed by several of the brethren, until 5:30 o'clock, when lodge was called from labour. The first degree was to be exemplified by Apollo Lodge, so W. Bro. Clarke, W. M. of Apollo Lodge, was asked to assume the Gavel, and place his officers. The exemplification of this degree was then performed in a very capable manner, and was commended by M. W. Bro. Connacher, who congratulated the Master and officers of Apollo Lodge for the very efficient way in which the work was done.

R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, D.G.M., gave an address on the Benevolent Fund, which was very much appreciated.

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay was then called upon for an address. He stressed the importance of getting good candidates for Masonry, also that lodges should be very careful, and watch that outside radical organizations did not get control of our lodges. In all, his address was very inspiring, and was well received by the brethren.

After his address, the Grand Master was asked to present R. W. Bro. Macartney, with the full regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. In replying R. W. Bro. Macartney thanked the brethren for the honour he had received.

Nominations for D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year were then called for. There being only one nomination, that of W. Bro. A. Scotland, of Apollo Lodge No. 27, he was declared elected as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 for 1937-38, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The place of holding the next District Meeting was decided on as Stettler.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES IN DISTRICT No. 9

Apollo Lodge No. 27.—I visited Apollo Lodge No. 27, on April 5th, 1937, accompanied by several members of my own lodge. I was heartily received and given the Grand Honours. The officers of this lodge were all in their places, and conducted the work in a very capable manner. There was no degree work, but balloting on five applications for initiation took place, and was done very satisfactorily. This is the most progressive lodge in the district, and the brethren are to be congratulated on the progress they have made in erecting a nice Masonic building, which they expect to have clear of indebtedness by the end of 1937. I found all books well kept, and the Secretary's work well done by W. Bro. Connolly.

Ionic Lodge No. 45.—On August 27th, I visited Ionic Lodge No. 45, this being my first visit after taking office, I can truthfully say that I was somewhat nervous. However, once I was received and given the Honours, this passed off, as the members present could not have given myself, and the members of my own lodge, who accompanied me, a more cordial welcome. This lodge has very comfortable quarters, and one feels at home as soon as he enters the lodge room. The officers filled their positions in a very capable manner. There being no degree work, discussions on various questions took place. Visitors from the surrounding lodges were present, including among them, R. W. Bro. Puffer, who gave a very interesting talk on the condition of Masonry in the early days. This lodge is very active in Masonic Education, and I was informed that they had two Masonic plays ready for presentation. While receiving no applications from new members, I feel that with the return of better times, this lodge will progress.

Beaver Lodge No. 56.—I visited Beaver Lodge No. 56, on November 4th, 1936. There was a good attendance, considering that the weather was very cold at that time. This lodge owns the building they occupy, and the lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. The second degree was exemplified by the Master and his officers, and I might say that it is very seldom that I have seen it given in a more impressive manner, and the candidate gave a good examination. This lodge has a library, and the Secretary's work and the records are kept in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. P. A. Marshall.

Coronation Lodge No. 72.—I visited Coronation Lodge No. 72, on September 24th, 1936, accompanied by several members of Big Valley Lodge. There was a good attendance of members as well as many visitors. The first degree was exemplified by Beaver Lodge No. 56 of Castor, in a very efficient manner. The books and records of this lodge are well kept. The lodge has a good library. They rent their lodge room and have comfortable quarters.

Monitor Lodge No. 120.—On the 5th of November, 1936, I visited Monitor Lodge No. 120, and am sorry to report that owing to the roads being blocked and the very cold weather, there were not enough members present to hold a meeting. I examined the books and records, and everything appears to be in good shape. They own their lodge building. The Secretary's work is well taken care of by Bro. A. L. Todd.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 122.—Accompanied by W. Bro. Dewar of Big Valley Lodge No. 140, I visited Rising Sun Lodge No. 122, on October 4th, 1936. There were visitors present from several lodges. Rising Sun owns its Hall, which is a very fine structure. Owing to present conditions and to removal from the district of several members they are finding it very difficult to clear off the indebtedness on their Hall; but the officers are carrying on bravely, and with better times I think this lodge will show a marked improvement.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140.—This being my own lodge, of which I am a Charter Member, I paid my official visit on April 2nd, 1937. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The work consisted of the examination of a candidate on the first degree, and the conferring of the second degree, which was done in a very capable manner by W. Bro. Shaw, P.M. This lodge has been particularly hard hit by the removal of the Divisional Point, and the transfer of many of its members. There have been no candidates until lately. The finances are in good shape and I feel that the lodge has seen its worst years and look for a good improvement in the near future. The lodge was very unfortunate in losing its Historical Register by fire, but two of the Past Masters, W. Bro. Spencer and W. Bro. Dewar, are at present re-writing it and bringing it up to date.

Donalda Lodge No. 150.—I made my official visit to this lodge on October 1st, 1936, accompanied by several members of my own lodge. As this was their yearly Visitors' Night, there were a number of visitors present from Stettler, Bashaw and other lodges. I can say that we received a warm welcome. There was no degree work, but the routine work was done in proper manner, all officers filling their positions very satisfactorily. The books and records are well kept.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

Having completed my visits to all the lodges in the district, I might state, that, while there have been very few members added, I

find there is a good Masonic spirit prevailing among those officers and members attending the lodges, and giving of their best to keep the lodges functioning properly. The majority of the officers attend regularly, and at times under very trying circumstances, as a number of the lodges are composed of members living largely in the country, and are very widely scattered. I cannot recommend that any of these lodges should amalgamate, or surrender their charters. If this were done it would mean that many of these good Masons would be deprived of ever having a chance to attend lodge, as they would have still further to go to attend the nearest lodge, and they would ultimately drift away, and either be suspended N.P.D., or take out their dimits.

I feel confident that my successor will find a marked improvement in membership, as several of the lodges have received a number of candidates, and are still having new applications. I would like at this time to draw to the attention of Grand Lodge, that I am of the opinion that there should be a History of Masonry in Canada written up, that is a book which would give to the brethren a complete history of Masonry since it was first introduced into Canada. I feel that this history should, and I feel certain would, be in every Lodge Library, as I have several times been asked by members questions pertaining to Masonry in Canada.

I should like to thank all the Secretaries and officers of the several lodges, for the courteous manner in which I have been received. Special thanks must be given to the Secretaries who have been prompt in answering all communications which I have sent them.

I find as a whole that the lodges are in good shape financially and otherwise. Some own their lodge rooms and some rent them, but all have very suitable and comfortable quarters.

CONCLUSION

M. W. Sir, I wish to state that it has been a great pleasure to me to have had the opportunity to serve you as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, and to thank the brethren for electing me to this high office. I only hope that they have not been disappointed in their selection. The confidence that the brethren have shown in me, is a very highly appreciated honour after being nearly thirty years a Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY M. SCOTT,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Innisfree, May 25th, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report, on the completion of my term as your Deputy for the Tenth Masonic District.

District No. 10 is composed of 13 lodges. Four of these are situated in the City of Edmonton; seven are on the main Canadian Highway east of Edmonton; and two lie a considerable distance north of the

Saskatchewan River. You will note that our members are from city, towns, villages, hamlets and country.

The Annual Meeting of District No. 10 was held at Vegreville on 29th September, 1936, in the Lodge Room of St. John's Lodge No. 25, to which lodge thanks are due for their co-operation. There were 121 brethren present, and the meeting was honoured by the presence of yourself, accompanied by the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officials.

The business accomplished at the meeting is reported in the Minutes, a copy of which I attach hereto.

Particular mention may be made of the following items:

(a) Your ruling that it was undesirable to mention on the monthly notices the amount of dues payable by the member, but that such information should be communicated separately.

(b) The exemplification of the first degree by Hope Lodge No. 38 in a very commendable manner. This inaugurated your declared intention of having one degree expertly exemplified at each District Meeting. I consider this custom a desirable and most necessary one to continue, providing, of course, that the standard of exemplification is kept at a very high point.

(c) The special form of opening the District Meeting by Vermilion Lodge No. 24 in an efficient manner. This opening ceremony is commendable, and should be continued, care being taken to ensure that the lodges having the honour to perform it should have ample time to become proficient.

(d) The unanimous election of W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard of Acacia Lodge No. 11 as my successor, and the setting of Acacia Hall, (Edmonton on the South Side), as the place for the 1937 District Meeting.

(e) The presentation to R. W. Bro. R. MacQuarrie of his regalia as P.D.D.G.M., and also of a gift from the brethren of the district.

(f) Your address to the district, of which it is necessary to say only that it was of that nature and quality to be expected from one of your experience and eminence.

I have visited each lodge in the district at least once. My particular impressions of each lodge have already been communicated to you in separate reports and this report is intended to deal generally with the district.

The statistical report herein shows that this district has 903 members, which is a net decrease of 77 from last year. Most of the decrease is accounted for by the new system of dealing with outstanding dues, and, whilst the figures are deplorable, we must hope that the final outcome will prove beneficial. Even now there is an amount of \$1,788.90 of dues outstanding, and the number of members in arrears averages 23% of the total membership. These arrears amount to about 25% of the total average annual fee.

The liabilities per member amount to only 86 cents, which is satisfactory. The liquid assets average \$7.98 per member, and the net worth \$39.12 per member. The attendance is poor on the average, being only 45% of the resident members. It might be worth noting that our smallest lodge has the highest average attendance of 73%, whilst of the four city lodges, only one is above the average.

The amount paid for relief is comparatively small, as is also the amount of insurance in force as compared with the net worth. I recommend that all lodges be asked to have new appraisals made of their buildings and contents, and adequate insurance placed thereon forthwith. There has been a lesson in our district this term of the value of ample insurance.

Some of the lodges show that no degrees were conferred, and others, only one or two. I consider it desirable to make a constitutional rule that each lodge should, without exception, either confer or exemplify each degree fully, at least once each year, to be entered in the Minutes and reported to the Grand Secretary on one of the annual returns.

I regret to report the complete loss by fire at Vegreville on 19th February, 1937, of the lodge room and contents of St. John's Lodge No. 25. This was a most unfortunate occurrence for a thoroughly efficient and truly Masonic lodge, and they are to be sincerely sympathized with.

After this year of office, I am left wondering as to which of the following a D.D.G.M. is supposed to be:

(1) Should he be a socialite? One who is accustomed to shine in the society of men; who can carry through his year of office with the ready assurance of a practiced orator, and the manner of an accomplished diplomat.

(2) Should he be a ritualist? One who knows the whole Work from A to Z; who can correct any errors in the ceremonies; who knows the origin and meaning of every symbol, and who takes every opportunity of refining and improving the degree work.

(3) Should he be an expert accountant? One who can turn the books inside out in a few moments, and expose any errors or inefficiencies.

(4) Should he be a figure-head? One who appreciates the office for its glory and measures his success by the width of his gold lace.

The foregoing is a preliminary to my next question: WHY a D.D.G.M.?

My considered opinion is that the office is an impossible one as at present constituted, and that the holder should be considered merely as a figure-head—an honorary glory only—not to be used for any real work, unless provision is made for either one of the undermentioned:

(a) The establishment of a permanent secretariat, which would take over from the Grand Secretary all the matters particularly appertaining to the district. This would mean permanent office quarters at some central point for the district, and a permanent staff to deal with the amount of work and travelling that would ensue. The expense would seem to eliminate this method.

(b) The extension of the work of the Grand Secretary to a more detailed control; i.e., the work and duties of the D.D.G.M. should be definitely delegated at the Grand Lodge office, so that, when a D.D.G.M. visited a lodge he would have a detailed programme to follow, the results of which would be immediately communicated to the Grand Secretary, and incorporated in the latter's records.

Method (b) is attempted now in a very haphazard fashion, but the result is not helping Freemasonry.

For example, when a D.D.G.M. now visits a lodge, he has to complete a long report containing details of all the lodge's various activities.

This is most difficult, firstly because of the very short time (half-an-hour or so) to spare before the meeting, (and neither the D.D.G.M. nor the officers can get to a meeting much before its opening time); secondly, because of the fact that it is an interim report, and the nature of Masonic business methods makes it difficult to provide accurate interim figures; and thirdly, because of the D.D.G.M.'s other duties, such as being introduced to all members arriving, inspecting the lodge room, and answering the long-saved questions that inevitably arise on the occasion of a D.D.G.M.'s visit.

Again, these visits are made at odd times during the year, and sometimes there is a financial report ready, and more often not. In any case, how can a D.D.G.M. intelligently criticise a nine or ten months' old financial return with no comparative data, in the few moments he can spare for that purpose, besides inspecting accounts and other books, reading minutes, looking at lodge histories, and doing the other present manifold duties.

This D.D.G.M.'s report, additional to (but somewhat a repetition of) the annual financial report and the annual statement of work and the other various returns, is also a nuisance because it is disliked by the officers, and causes them to associate the D.D.G.M.'s visit with that of an officious auditor.

I therefore suggest:

- (1) That all returns be cut to an absolute minimum, and simplified as much as possible under competent direction.
- (2) That these returns be sent in for the same period for each lodge—the year ending 31st December is the logical date.
- (3) That all returns be sent direct to the Grand Secretary, who is to be responsible for collecting them.
- (4) That all information on these returns be tabulated in the Grand Secretary's office, and comparative data covering the previous ten years be compiled and printed.
- (5) That at the investment of each D.D.G.M. he be given this comparative data, together with a list of definite instructions as to particular questions or information to be gathered from each lodge on his official visit, such questions to be more in the nature of investigation into any unusual occurrences or discrepancies disclosed by the returns previously made by the lodge, and to be only those items which cannot, or should not, be settled by correspondence.
- (6) That all D.D.G.M. official visits be made between his investment and the following Christmas, in order to make his duties more clear-cut. His visit would always cover the work of the lodge for the previous calendar year, (as already reported to the Grand Secretary and dealt with by the Grand Lodge), together with any special occurrence during the current year.
- (7) That a D.D.G.M. should be as nearly ritual perfect as possible, so as to raise the standard of degree work in a lodge.

It might here be mentioned that degree work is open to improvement. In some city lodges, where more work is done than in the country, there is a tendency to sacrifice impressiveness to time, whilst some country lodges, where degree work is scarce, have given it before me in splendid style. On the other hand, I have been particularly impressed by the degree work of other city lodges, and somewhat depressed by

that of other country lodges. It might be worth noting that I do not remember any two lodges doing the work in an absolute similar fashion; in some cases the difference was remarkable. This is fine for the visitors, who enjoy seeing something different, but rather harrowing to a ritualist. At one lodge, part of the ceremonial of another society had crept into the ritual.

I recommend in this connection that the Constitutional ruling regarding a certificate of proficiency for a Master-Elect should be strictly and honestly enforced. It is one of the important duties of Freemasonry to see that the Master's successor should be a fit and proper person, and that the work should be handed down to capable hands. I regret to believe that, at present, this Master-Elect's Certificate is merely a matter of form. (At one lodge, the Master had to be prompted in opening and closing.) I strongly suggest that the Certificate of Proficiency be more seriously regarded, and that it be signed by three Past Masters appointed by and from a neighbouring lodge, who are to obey the strict letter of the certificate, and that it be endorsed by the D.D.G.M. before the Installation can take place; and that this certificate definitely states that the Master-Elect can open and close lodge and confer all three degrees.

(8) That the D.D.G.M.'s duties at his official visit be confined to greeting the brethren he meets, listening to and criticising the degree work of the lodge (which should be Constitutionally directed to either confer or exemplify one of the degrees at each official visit) and its opening and closing ceremonies, and to obtaining any special information as referred to in (5) above.

In passing, I should like to observe that very few lodges receive the D.D.G.M. in a proper manner, and hardly two of them the same. The dignity of the office should be upheld in this respect by requesting each lodge annually to practise the correct method of receiving Grand Officers.

(9) That the D.D.G.M.'s report on each lodge be simplified considerably, to contain little more than that referred to in (8) above.

(10) That the lodges be impressed at each Grand Lodge Communication and each District Meeting, and on all other convenient occasions, of the absolute importance of having really efficient Secretaries, who must be prepared to keep the books up-to-date in a proper manner, to render returns at the correct date and answer letters by return mail. To a great extent, the successful continuance of a lodge depends upon the Secretary, and too few members (or Secretaries either) realise that truth.

(11) That the office of Treasurer be abolished, and that the Secretary do both jobs. This is already practically in effect in some lodges, and in others the Treasurer is almost a figure-head.

At one lodge, I found all the expenses in the Secretary's books marked "Paid to Treasurer," and the latter's book was unavailable. The Masonic viewpoint should be that it is impossible for a Secretary's figures to be maliciously incorrect. It is therefore simpler to have all the books kept by him, which system would, I am certain, provide for more efficient results; depending, of course, upon the appointment being held by a brother properly fitted for the task and conscious of his obligations to Freemasonry and the lodge.

(12) That it should be a Constitutional order that Initiation fees cannot under any circumstances (except by special permission from the Grand Master) be used for running expenses, the latter to be carefully defined by Grand Lodge. This abuse will, in time, ruin Freemasonry, and I cannot too strongly condemn it.

I further suggest that each lodge circulate its copies of the Grand Lodge Bulletin by mail, with a list of part of the members on each copy, to be passed in turn to each. This method would ensure that every brother has a leisurely opportunity to study and benefit by the many admirable contents.

I suggest that lodges be asked to remit their share of the District Meeting expenses to the District Secretary as soon as notified. Much inconvenience to the District Secretary, and loss of goodwill on the part of the tradesmen, is caused by the long delay in settling these accounts. The last lodge's payment in this district was received over four months after the District Meeting, and over five months after the bills had been incurred.

I regret having to refer to the conduct of some city lodges in reducing or cancelling altogether the time allowed for the D.D.G.M.'s address at his official visit. It will be readily understood that I personally was overjoyed at any such occurrence, but for the sake of the dignity of the office, I think it should be impressed upon all lodges that the D.D.G.M.'s visit should be an occasion for marked respect being paid to the Grand Lodge he represents.

I have observed with great pleasure that more interest is being taken in Lodge Histories, and some of them are most carefully and conscientiously compiled. Particular mention must be made of that of Norwood Lodge No. 90, where is being constructed a wonderful and lasting work-of-art by V. W. Bro. W. Horrocks.

I have received, in my year of office, the help and consideration to be expected of brethren of the Masonic Order, from all the lodges in this district. Firmly fixed in my mind are the names and faces of the one or two or more brethren at each lodge who have been particularly pleasant and helpful, and it would be impossible to name them all individually. I desire, however, to place on record some of those who helped me in a more general manner in my duties covering the district as a whole, among whom particular mention must be made of R. W. Bro. W. N. Crooks, P.D.D.G.M., Hope Lodge No. 38; W. Bro. T. O. Gore-Hickman, Kilwinning Lodge No. 110; and St. John's Lodge No. 25, whose members have shown a truly Masonic spirit of continual and considerate helpfulness at all times.

I trust that the foregoing report will be accepted in the Masonic spirit in which it has been written. My term as D.D.G.M. is now nearly over, and I shall not again have the very real responsibility and manifold duties appertaining to it. I therefore deem it my essential duty to give a true report of this district as I find it—to comment, without fear or favour, on any matters affecting the welfare of the district or the office of D.D.G.M. I have tried to suggest various methods by which my successors may experience more successful and useful terms of office.

In conclusion, I would like to observe that, in my opinion, the most benefit from my appointment to the office of D.D.G.M. has been derived by myself. I have had the pleasure of meeting you, M. W. Sir, on

one or two occasions, and of becoming more appreciative of your qualities and of those of the Grand Secretary. I have met numerous brethren—some of them outstanding in my memory—all of them good fellows. My belief and pleasure in Freemasonry have become more firmly established, and my conviction more decided that Freemasonry is at least one method that will play a great part in leading mankind to a better state of civilization, if "Masons to themselves do but remain true."

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. DICKSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 10

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vulcan, May 13, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District for the present year

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once during my term of office and found that in all the lodges a true fraternal spirit existed.

The District Meeting was held at Vulcan on October 15th. The meeting was opened by Vulcan Lodge No. 74. We were privileged to have with us on this occasion the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, accompanied by several of the Grand Lodge Officers. Also many P.D.D.G.M.'s of the district were present. All the lodges were represented with the exception of Nobleford and great interest was taken in the proceedings.

The afternoon was taken up by questions and discussion, and reports were received from the representatives of each lodge, giving a brief resume of their activities and progress during the year. The election of W. Bro. Martin of Cresset Lodge No. 136, as D.D.G.M. for 1937-38 then took place. The meeting was followed by a banquet in the Lodge Hall.

At the evening session Vulcan Lodge No. 74 exemplified the first degree, and the Master, W. Bro. L. H. Jones and his officers deserve every credit for good work. At this time the order of business on the programme was the Grand Master's address which held the attention of the brethren.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I visited Granite Lodge No. 127 at Blackie on October 7th, when three candidates were initiated. Again I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on December 2nd and saw the same three receive the second degree.

On November 12th I visited Champion Lodge No. 84, the meeting was fairly well attended. The W. Master and the officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner.

I was particularly impressed with Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 when I made my official visit on November 9th. This is the oldest lodge in the district; they may be small in number but make up for it in enthusiasm and good fellowship. The first degree was exemplified by the W. Master and officers in a very able manner. This lodge meets in their own hall, which is well furnished and really a credit to them. I visited this lodge again at their December meeting in company with R. W. Bro. G. M. Carson of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, and had the pleasure of witnessing the presentation of a Life Membership certificate to Bro. McNaughton.

I visited Pyramid Lodge No. 108 on November 19th, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Vulcan Lodge No. 74. We had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree conferred by the Master and his officers in a very impressive manner.

I paid my official visit to Vulcan Lodge No. 74 on March 2nd, 1937. The business of the lodge, including the opening and closing, was well conducted, the officers carrying their parts in a precise and dignified manner. The brethren were attentive and showed an appreciative interest. The matter of Masonic Education and Research is engaging commendable attention and several of the well informed brethren have given carefully prepared and informative addresses on interesting phases of our work. The Grand Lodge Bulletin is read, and by the interest shown, much enjoyed by all.

On April 6th, 1937, I visited Nobleford Lodge No. 111, but as seeding was in progress there was a very small attendance. The officers conducted the business presented in a workmanlike manner.

I visited Cresset Lodge No. 136 on May 3rd, 1937. The officers are capable and the attendance at the meetings fair. R. W. Bro. G. M. Carson of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, gave a lecture which was much enjoyed by all.

It has been a great pleasure to serve Masonic District No. 11 and my gratitude and hearty thanks are extended to all for the splendid reception tendered me upon all occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. McQUEEN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 13, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

The presentation of my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 12 brings to me a feeling of pleasure and regret, pleasure at being able to report a continuance of loyalty and fealty to the Parent Body, and regret that I have not achieved all I set out to do. All lodges have been visited with one exception, and opportunities made for seeing degree work exemplified when not conferred. The exception is Tawatinaw Lodge

No 71 as storm conditions made roads impassable, but it is my intention to visit here on June 3rd.

It can be reported the lodges generally are officered by brethren qualified to do the work and capable of conducting the business. Several Masters are becoming alive to the fact that the three degrees are but an introduction to what lies beyond, and are developing the educational activities in order to retain the interest of the brethren. For this purpose I have continually kept before them the program of the Research and Education Committee, advocating the wider use of its addresses and plays. Some of the lodges have shown a keen appreciation of and interest in this Committee's work and take advantage of it. It is found also that the Grand Lodge Bulletin is fulfilling its purpose and is exerting an influence among the brethren which is bound to have beneficial results. A greater number of meetings were held with a slight improvement in attendance. Several methods are tried to stimulate interest and the officers continue with various programs, Masonic and otherwise, in the hope of improving the attendance. The number of members in arrears has been reduced to less than half as is also the amount of all arrearages. There is also quite a reduction in the amount expended for relief and it is reasonable to assume there is less distress in the district.

An interesting event of the year was the coming of age of Patricia Lodge No. 91, when 140 Masons attended the birthday party on October 31st, 1936. A splendid ceremony was carried out in the Lodge Room, after which in the Banquet Hall inspiring addresses were contributed by R. W. Bro. Hartman, D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. West, S.G.W., and the usual toasts for such a gathering.

The District Meeting was held jointly with District No. 3 in Edmonton on Wednesday, October 7th, 1936. There was only a fair attendance and it is regretted that Mayerthorpe Lodge and Earl Haig Lodge were not represented. The first degree was exemplified by members of Ivanhoe Lodge and favorable criticism made by the Custodian of the Work. The election of D.D.G.M. for 1937-38 resulted in the selection of V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman, Jasper Lodge No. 14, to represent the Grand Master in District No. 12. The presentation of P.D.D. G.M.'s regalia to R. W. Bro. Cockburn and R. W. Bro. Govenlock of Districts 3 and 12 was made, both brethren making suitable acknowledgements. At the evening session after an enjoyable dinner several constitutional questions were discussed and explained, the meeting closing with a much appreciated address by the M. W. the Grand Master.

I wish to record my grateful thanks to W. Bro. Fred Whitfield, Edmonton Lodge No. 7, who performed his duties as District Secretary so successfully, and to all those who assisted in the Lodge Room and Banquet Room. In acknowledging the many kindnesses and courtesies and assistance given by those who accompanied me on so many of my visits, I am at a loss for words to express my appreciation. I value highly the many friendships formed and take with me as my reward, pleasant memories.

In conclusion I would express my appreciation to you M. W. Sir, for your counsel and inspiration, and my deep sense of gratitude for the honor of having been your representative in District No. 12, and the hope that my humble efforts have not been entirely in vain.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. KILGOUR,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hythe, May 14, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and approval, my report as your Deputy for Masonic District No. 13.

In carrying out my duties I had the pleasure of making an official visit to each lodge in my district and several unofficial visits.

I was fortunate in being able to accompany Hythe Lodge on a visit to Peace Lodge, the newly formed lodge at Dawson Creek, in the Peace River Block under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. At this meeting Hythe Lodge, on invitation of Peace Lodge, raised a brother, in which I had the pleasure of assisting.

The first important event of my year was the attendance of a joint installation of the officers of Spirit River, Northland and Sexsmith Lodges. This was done at Spirit River and I was invited as guest of honor. It gave me an opportunity of meeting brethren from all over the district. The welcome and courtesy which was shown imbued me with considerable confidence when making my official visits and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. J. K. Smith and brethren of Spirit River Lodge for their thoughtfulness on this occasion.

Our District Meeting, which was at Hythe, was well attended, considering that it was held at the western edge of the district and some delegates had to travel around two hundred miles each way to attend on roads that were not too good. We were fortunate in having present the M. W. the Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary. The D.D.G.M. was received in due form and assumed the gavel after which the Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors.

A report on the condition of Masonry was given by the Masters or a representative of the various lodges of the district.

W. Bro. C. A. Walker of Waphun Lodge No. 88 was the unanimous choice for D.D.G.M. for 1937-38 and High Prairie was selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up with the usual routine business and discussions.

In the evening a banquet was served in the United Church when we enjoyed addresses by our Grand Master, our Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Goddard and others. Our only regret was that R. W. Bro. J. K. Smith was unable to attend, being a patient in a hospital in Edmonton at the time.

Our District Meeting was quite successful and we greatly appreciate the presence of our Grand Lodge officials and only hope that in the future they will be able to spend more time in this district after coming so far to see us.

As separate reports are made on each lodge within the district I will state that generally throughout District No. 13 the work of the lodges is quite satisfactory although in some cases a more careful study of the ritual would be a benefit.

I found the books well kept and feel it is my duty to commend the Secretaries for the services they rendered their lodges.

Harmony prevailed throughout the district except in one case which has been settled as satisfactorily as could be expected for the good of the Craft.

To the brethren of District No. 13 I extend grateful thanks for your kindness and co-operation and the honor you have given me. I hope that my efforts have justified your confidence

In particular do I thank W. Bro. Glenn Kelly who acted as my Secretary throughout the year.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I hope my services merit your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

A. F. CLARK,
D.D.G.M. District No 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cessford, May 10, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

As my tenure of office is about to close, I herein present my report as D.D.G.M. for Masonic District No. 14, which I trust will reveal to you the activities and condition of Freemasonry in this part of the Grand Jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, District No. 14 is within the confines of Alberta's drought area, and although a succession of crop failures has reacted on the attendance, dues, and membership to a certain extent, I am pleased to state that all of the seven lodges are being sustained by the faithful.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16th, 1936, at the Masonic Temple, Hanna. During the afternoon session the M. W. the Grand Master, Dr. V. H. Macaulay, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Work, and V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, Grand Steward, were received in due form. The business of the afternoon session included lodge reports, and sundry matters of interest arising out of the Question Box. The Grand Master and the other attending Grand Officers ably assisted in the business proceedings. Berry Creek Lodge degree team gave a very fine exemplification of the first degree during the afternoon.

During the evening session W. Bro. Dr. S. E. C. Argue, of Hanna Lodge No. 78, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1937-38 and Hanna was selected for the place for the next District Meeting. The highlight of our evening session was an address by the Grand Master, in which he ably

dealt with Freemasonry as it applied to life in the outer world. The annual assembly closed with a banquet and appropriate Toast List.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Aug. 26th, 1936—Berry Creek, No. 158, Pollockville.

Sept. 29th, 1936—Acadia No. 82, Youngstown.

October 4th, 1936—Oyen No. 104, Oyen.

Oct. 27th, 1936—Craigmyle No. 132, Craigmyle.

Oct. 28th, 1936—Hand Hill No. 98, Delia.

April 7th, 1937—Hanna No. 78, Hanna.

April 28th, 1937—Crocus No. 115, Chinook.

As the activities, conditions, and problems of most of the lodges are identical I will deal with my visitations in a general way. The dues problem I found was being dealt with in a very judicious manner by most of the lodges, and through the exercise of care and thoughtful consideration the membership has been fairly well sustained throughout the district. Though average attendances are not large there is progress being made in Research and Educational work, the results from which I am satisfied will be worth while when normalcy returns. Practically all the lodges in the district co-operate with each other in fraternal inter-lodge visitations, many of these occasions being special feature nights. These gatherings sustain, stabilize and recreate Masonic interest at a time when small attendances prevail during a cycle of depression. The outstanding feature night of the district was held on May 5th, at the Hanna Temple, where the seven lodges of the district and the two Drumheller City lodges assembled to do honor to that distinguished member of the Craft, His Majesty, Most Worshipful Brother, King George VI, as a gesture of National Loyalty and fraternal respect. One hundred and thirty brethren were in attendance, and were entertained by addresses delivered by the Grand Master and the J. G. W. on subjects appropriate to the occasion. This special evening was one of the most delightful of my Masonic life, and expressed by the brethren as one of the most enlightening as well as entertaining Masonic evenings ever held in this part of the Grand Jurisdiction.

GENERAL

Summing up the entire situation of Freemasonry in District No. 14, despite the trying times we have had and are still passing through, I am happy to advise you that Freemasonry in this part of the Grand Jurisdiction is morally strong.

The splendid messages which you and your accompanying Grand Officers left with us on the different occasions you so kindly visited with us at collective gatherings has been an influence for renewed interest in things Masonic, and allied activities of the Fraternity. We thank you.

I would like at this time to also thank the brethren, officers, and Masters of the district in general for the hearty support they have given to me. I especially express my gratitude to V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, of Hanna Lodge No. 78, who acted as District Secretary, and gave to me much of his time that made my stewardship an easier task, and a pleasant one. His contributions to Freemasonry are highly valued by the brethren of District No. 14.

I trust, M. W. Sir, that in this report of the discharge of my duties as D.D.G.M., you will find that I have endeavored to represent you to the best of my humble ability.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. WINNING,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Acme, May 14, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have visited every lodge in District No. 15 during my term of office and have been very kindly received by the brethren of the various lodges.

I have examined the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers and found them well and properly kept. Masonry in District No. 15 appears to be holding its own and in some lodges thriving, with the exception of Acme Lodge No. 60 and Cavell Lodge No. 125, where progress in membership has been nil in recent years; but in both of these lodges as well as the other lodges in this district, there is a genuine spirit of Masonry among the brethren.

Assisted by R. W. Bro. W. H. Grainger of Acme Lodge No. 60, I installed the officers of Irricana Lodge No. 137. I have enjoyed the privilege of visiting these lodges as your Deputy, and sincerely trust that my visit with them has been profitable to them as well as a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. SMITH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Drumheller, May 11, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herein my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixteenth Masonic District for the year 1936-37.

In my visitations to the lodges in this district, I have particularly noted the high degree of Masonic fellowship which prevails amongst the brethren and the undoubted enthusiasm with which the officers and members of the individual lodges are imbued. The spirit of Freemasonry is very much alive in District No. 16.

This was given practical demonstration on the evening of May 5, 1937, when Hanna Lodge No. 78 in District No. 14 sponsored a Coronation Night Programme, at which M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay and R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore were present. Some 125 Masons, including many from District No. 16, gathered together that evening to commemorate the Coronation of a distinguished Brother, His Majesty King George VI. M. W. Bro. Macaulay gave a fine address, illustrated with lantern slides on his visit to the Bicentenary Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the installation of H. R. H. The Duke of York as Grand Master. A very excellent Toast List and entertainment at the refreshment period which followed was keenly enjoyed by all present. I

cannot leave this subject without commenting upon the excellent spirit of Masonic fellowship which was so evident and which contributed greatly to the success of the memorable occasion.

The financial condition of the lodges in District No. 16 is being maintained in a very satisfactory manner and, in some instances, has shown a gratifying improvement over recent years. The total liquid assets of the district now amount to \$4,838.36 while the excess of assets over all liabilities has improved almost \$1,000.00. This district shows a net decrease of eleven in membership for the end of 1936, total membership now being 391. Total dues in arrears are slightly higher.

DISTRICT MEETING

Our District Meeting was held at Rockyford on September 17th, 1936. M. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay, Grand Master, honored us with his presence, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Connacher. The district was well represented. At the afternoon session there was a discussion of lodge attendance, finance and management, conduct of work, benevolence and entertainment. We were given much encouragement and enlightenment in the discussion of the Work and questions pertaining to the same, by the M. W. the Grand Master, and M. W. Bros. Connacher and Kemmis, the Custodians of the Work.

At the evening session, W. Bro. C. R. Walrod of Rockyford Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing term, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master. The brethren selected Standard as the place of next District Meeting. A splendid, well prepared and interesting address given by the M. W. the Grand Master was then much enjoyed and listened to with great interest by the large evening attendance.

Rockyford brethren are to be congratulated for the manner in which they arranged this meeting and also for the very fine banquet prepared and which was so thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. I am grateful to W. Bro. Walrod who so kindly consented to act as Secretary of the meeting in the unavoidable absence of the District Secretary, W. Bro. Jas. Weir.

CARBON LODGE No. 107

It was my pleasure to visit this lodge officially on September 1st, 1936, at their regular meeting. I was accompanied by some 26 members of my Mother Lodge, Symbol No. 93, members of which exemplified the third degree. In all there were present 31 members of Carbon Lodge and 34 visiting brethren. This was indeed a gala night and enjoyed by all present. Carbon lodge is in a healthy condition and its members, particularly the Past Masters, take an active participation in its work. All records are in good order and finances are in excellent condition.

ROCKYFORD LODGE No. 123

On September 14th, 1936, I visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. J. H. Weir, the District Secretary. It was a regular meeting and the third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The Master was absent, having removed from the town, but the Past Masters gave the lodge wonderful support and played an important part in the conferring of this degree. The officers are capable and the financial condition of the lodge is good.

HUSSAR LODGE No. 130

I visited this lodge on October 12th, 1936, and they gave me and the members of Symbol Lodge who accompanied me a very fine reception. It was the occasion of their regular meeting. Hussar Lodge is strong in Masonic works and belief, although comparatively small in numbers. It was my pleasure to present awards made by this lodge to two youths of the Hussar district for their splendid records in scholarship and athletics—a very fine community spirit which is featured annually by Hussar Lodge. The lodge is in a healthy condition and owns its hall. The members are enthusiastic and finances are in excellent shape.

ROSEBUD LODGE No. 149

On October 14th, 1936, about twelve of the brethren from Drumheller accompanied me on the occasion of my official visit to Rosebud Lodge, it being the regular meeting night. This is the smallest lodge, numerically, in the district. Lacking in numbers, they do not, however, lack that essential earnestness and enthusiasm and visits to other lodges are frequent, while they in turn are visited often by the lodges in the district. The lodge finances are in satisfactory condition and the work of the officers is good.

STANDARD LODGE No. 152

My official visit to Standard Lodge was made on October 19th, 1936, the occasion being their regular meeting. I was accompanied by the District Secretary. It was an auspicious meeting as, for the first time in five years, the lodge was initiating a candidate. The first degree was conferred with great earnestness and thoroughness and the officers are to be highly commended. Forty-two brethren were present, many from other districts, there being 29 visitors in all. It was a great night for Freemasonry in Standard. I found the lodge finances and books in very satisfactory condition and W. Bro. Wagler a very efficient secretary.

DRUMHELLER LODGE No. 146

My official visit to this lodge was made on November 17th, 1936, on the occasion of their regular meeting. There were in all 36 brethren present. The second degree was conferred in an impressive manner. I had the added pleasure of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey's company on this visit, he being in Drumheller on business, and his impromptu but very interesting address on the Royal Family and its connection with Freemasonry was greatly enjoyed. The officers of Drumheller Lodge are working earnestly for improvement. Masonic research and study of the Bulletin are active issues in this lodge. Financially, the lodge is in very excellent shape and all books and records are kept quite satisfactorily.

SYMBOL LODGE No. 93

I made my official visit to this, my Mother Lodge, on December 10th, 1936. It was a regular communication and there was no degree work. The officers handled the business of the meeting, election of officers and general business, very capably. There was a fair attendance. The present excellent financial position of Symbol Lodge is the result of a system of planned economy over the past several years. While arrearages of dues continues to be somewhat of a problem, it is being dealt with in an efficient manner. All records are well kept and in very good shape.

I desire to thank the brethren of District No. 16 for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for their unfailing kindness and the many courtesies I received while visiting throughout the district. To the many brethren of both Symbol and Drumheller Lodges who accompanied me on my visits, regardless of the weather, I tender my deep appreciation. I am sure the brethren of the district will join with me in especially thanking W. Bro. J. H. Weir, who served the district so well in his capacity of District Secretary.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, I would express my sincere appreciation for their timely advice and guidance.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. HARRISON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Viking, May 3, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 17 for the year 1936-37.

My first official duty after my installation was in assisting at a joint installation of the officers of Gratton, Victory, Connaught and Dynamic Lodges at Holden in June, which turned out very successfully. Special praise should be given to R. W. Bro. H. Rollans of Connaught Lodge for his splendid work on that occasion. About seventy-five brethren were present and the new officers had ample opportunity to compare their problems and lay plans for overcoming their difficulties. This seems to me a good argument in favour of joint installations.

The District Meeting, which is always an important event in the life of a District Deputy, was held in Viking on August 30th, and was marked by a relatively large attendance considering the size of the district, there being 35% of the entire membership of the district on hand to welcome the Grand Master and his officers. Every lodge in the district was represented by its Master as well as other officers and brethren, which I think speaks well for the youngest district in our Grand Jurisdiction. Lodge problems were dealt with during the afternoon session and the wide experience of yourself and your officers helped us with many of our difficulties. A sumptuous banquet was provided by the Women's Auxiliary of the United Church at 6 p.m. which all enjoyed. Among the banquet speeches, that of R. W. Bro. Fleming of Dynamic Lodge was a masterpiece.

In the evening session W. Bro. C. T. Lally of Buffalo Park Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1937-38 and on the invitation of his lodge, Wainwright was selected as the place of the next District Meeting. The outstanding feature of the meeting was the Grand Master's address which was very inspiring indeed.

WORK

During the course of my official visits I tried to emphasize certain points which I thought important. I found that many Masters failed to prepare themselves for office before being elected to the Master's chair with the result that the lodges always suffered through the lack of strong efficient leadership and I stressed the point that the Master should first program his work and then work his program. I recommended that each lodge in the district present the Master with a copy of "The Master's Book" by Claudy and that the Wardens be encouraged to make generous use of it.

I discovered that some Masters who did not have candidates were too indifferent to get up their degree work and tried my best to get each Master to exemplify all three degrees unless he had actual candidates, but I am afraid I was only partly successful. I also tried to encourage Masonic Education in the way of getting up papers, plays and above all fraternal visitations. I found that insufficient study was given to Grand Lodge Bulletins, and perhaps not enough to "Grand Lodge Plan of Education for Candidates." I consider this last, one of the finest things Grand Lodge has brought out. I also found that the Historical Registers were not as fully kept as I should have liked. In many cases contemporary history, which would be invaluable in the years to come, has been neglected. In some cases the Registrar lags behind some two or three years, which, of course, makes it very difficult to achieve accuracy and detail. A brother who has plenty of time, ability and enthusiasm should be detailed to this assignment.

During the course of the year I paid one official visit to each lodge in the district, and a few of them I visited unofficially several times, making in all some twenty-five visits during my term of office, besides attending my own lodge regularly.

OFFICIAL VISITS

ALBION LODGE No. 97, Chauvin

I visited this lodge on September 25th at an emergent meeting called to suit my travelling convenience, and at which a candidate was initiated into Masonry by W. Bro. F. G. Ryall, one of the youngest Masters in the district. The officers went to considerable trouble to ensure our entertainment and had an appreciative audience of fifty-five members and visitors to welcome us and hear our remarks. The degree was well handled by all the officers who appear to be full of enthusiasm and very efficient. It impressed me as being one of the most active lodges in the district. Albion Lodge owns its hall and finances appear to give them little worry so that prospects look very promising. An interesting fact was that three Saskatchewan Lodges were represented among the visitors, and another was that the Master's father, who was also a P. M., helped with the ceremony. Still another was that the charge was given to the candidate by his own brother, who had within the year also given it to his father.

EDGERTON LODGE No. 102, Edgerton

I visited this lodge on September 28th and on this occasion, with the assistance of a degree team from Connaught Lodge, exemplified the third degree. At the time of my visit the lodge was feeling somewhat depressed over difficulties which appeared grave, but since that time it

has taken on a new lease of life and has shown perhaps greater activity than any other lodge in the district. A few faithful and reliable Past Masters, such as W. Bro. Frank Mitchell, have been a great help to this lodge in the dark days. The lodge now reports no liabilities whatever and improvements are being made to their lodge hall, which they own—a wonderful showing for one of our smallest lodges.

GRATTON LODGE No. 144, Irma

On the occasion of my official visit to this lodge on October 15th, Buffalo Park Lodge put on a Masonic Play entitled "The Greatest of These" which was very well rendered and much appreciated. The lodge is suffering to some extent by the lack of suitable new material, not having had a candidate for some years. However, they have exemplified one or two degrees and are carrying on as well as could be expected without the infusion of some new blood. The Master, W. Bro. S. Johnson, has moved away during the year, and can get back to lodge meetings only on rare occasions, which is unfortunate for the lodge. An economic improvement in the district would no doubt be reflected in more lodge activity.

VICTORY LODGE No. 112, Jarrow

I visited this lodge on November 4th and hope to go back sometime this month with a degree team from Connaught Lodge to exemplify a degree for them. It is the smallest lodge in the district and is carrying on only with difficulty. With a resident membership of only ten, the average attendance in 1936 was nine, which would show that the members they have are very faithful. Affiliation with another lodge has been suggested but the brethren feel they can weather the storm and are anxious to carry on. A good crop here too would be a wonderful help.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE No. 44, Wainwright

I visited this lodge on April 7th. It is the largest lodge in the district as well as the oldest and has a fine hall of its own, but for some reason the attendance is not as good as it should be. Perhaps lack of candidates or exemplification of degrees may be partly responsible. In any case its opportunities are splendid if they can only capitalize them. On the occasion of my visit a Masonic Play "The Greatest of These" was enacted by the brethren in an admirable manner. M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey did me the honour of visiting here with me and gave an illustrated lecture on the "Masonic Tree." I look for this lodge to make a better showing during the coming year, especially as the D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. Lally, is one of its members.

PALESTINE LODGE No. 46, Tofield

This is another lodge I have visited frequently and I find the officers to be efficient on routine work, though I have not, so far, been able to prevail upon them to exemplify the degrees. No candidates for two years has given the officers a fair excuse to slip a little on ritualistic work, but the Master has given the lodge a good and varied Masonic bill-of-fare, so that the tone of the lodge is still good. Being within a reasonable distance from Edmonton it has been possible to get speakers from there occasionally, and on one occasion, Unity Lodge brought down a fine Masonic Play entitled "Let there be Light," which was enjoyed not only by Palestine but also by visitors from several other lodges.

CONNAUGHT LODGE No. 69, Viking

Though making only one official visit here I have attended every meeting since 1930. At the beginning of my year the lodge was in some embarrassment, having to suspend a brother for U.M.C., but since that time it has entered into one of the brightest periods of its history. The Masonic feeling is better than it has been for years. Three candidates have kept the officers on their toes and it would be possible to field two teams for each degree on short notice. Third degree teams have exemplified the work at Edgerton, Tofield and Killam during the year. The officers are enthusiastic and efficient, holding practices almost every week. The Historical Register has been brought up to date by Bro. H. B. Collier who has re-written the entire history and has delved into Masonic and local antiquity. His work has been outstanding and the lodge owes him a heavy debt of gratitude. No doubt future generations will sing his praises. The prospects for Connaught Lodge are very bright.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Lodge finances for the year have shown an improvement. With a total membership of 294 the arrears at the end of 1936 were only \$1,130.-00 while cash and liquid assets were more than \$400.00 higher than total liabilities. Three out of eight lodges show no liabilities whatever. Five lodges had candidates and in general these were the lodges which show the greatest Masonic activity and enthusiasm, which leads me again to stress the point that all lodges should insist on their officers putting on the work whether they have candidates or not. I consider it so important that I would even recommend that the lodge withhold a Past Master's Certificate from any Master who would not attempt to get up his degree work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of District No. 17 for the confidence they showed in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and I trust that their confidence has not been entirely misplaced and that I have merited your satisfaction as your representative. My only regret is that I had not greater ability to serve you and the district better. My relations with all the lodges have been most cordial and I wish to pay a particular tribute to the Secretaries who have, without exception, given me all the co-operation I could have wished for. I also wish to express my gratitude to Bro. E. Primett who acted as my District Secretary and gave me invaluable assistance at all time, and to the members of Connaught and other lodges who accompanied me on my visits. My hope is that my successor may get the same loyal support and co-operation that was accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. RICHARDSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. R. M. McCool (48), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Hyland (64), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the
fiscal year ending February 28th, 1937:

February 1st, 1936, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 4,606.06
Deposits.....	18,634.00
Allowance from Relief Fund for Operating Expense.....	600.00
	<u>\$23,840.06</u>
<i>Less:</i>	
Cheques issued.....	\$13,691.68
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds ..	6,309.75
	<u>\$20,001.43</u>
February 28th, 1937, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,838.63

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully
set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. SNADDON,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), seconded
by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), "That the report of the Grand
Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-second Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending February 28th, 1937. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1936, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 178 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 72 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 126 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Jan. 11, 1937
Jasper, No. 14	Apr. 12, 1937
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Apr. 13, 1937

Amendments to By-Laws

Lucerne, No. 159.....	Aug. 4, 1936
Northland, No. 147.....	Sept. 21, 1936
Oyen, No. 104.....	Oct. 5, 1936

Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Oct. 7, 1936
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 21, 1936
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Rockyford, No. 123.....	Dec. 21, 1936
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Dec. 22, 1936
Donalda, No. 150.....	Jan. 9, 1937
Bowden, No. 42.....	Jan. 18, 1937
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Jan. 18, 1937
Melrose, No. 139.....	Jan. 20, 1937
Nanton, No. 17.....	Jan. 25, 1937
Unity, No. 51.....	Mar. 13, 1937
Edson, No. 68.....	Mar. 13, 1937
Coronation, No. 72.....	Mar. 13, 1937
Concord, No. 124.....	Mar. 13, 1937
Strathecona, No. 77.....	Apr. 10, 1937
Camrose, No. 37.....	Apr. 28, 1937
Strathecona, No. 77.....	May 5, 1937
Kitseoty, No. 131.....	May 13, 1937
North Star, No. 4.....	June 5, 1937
Monitor, No. 120.....	June 5, 1937

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Rising Sun, No. 122.....	June 12, 1936
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 15, 1936
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June 15, 1936
Hope, No. 38.....	June 15, 1936
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 16, 1936
Acacia, No. 11.....	June 16, 1936
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 16, 1936
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 16, 1936
Bow Island, No. 64.....	June 19, 1936
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 23, 1936
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Aug. 24, 1936
St. John's, No. 25.....	Sept. 26, 1936
North Star, No. 4.....	Oct. 3, 1936
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	Oct. 27, 1936
Vulcan, No. 74.....	May 26, 1937

To Hold Special Installations

Edson, No. 68.....	June 15, 1936
Jasper, No. 14.....	June 16, 1936
Norwood, No. 90.....	June 16, 1936
Palestine, No. 46.....	July 7, 1936
Onoway, No. 138.....	July 11, 1936
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Oct. 17, 1936
Unity, No. 51.....	Nov. 20, 1936
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 20, 1936
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 24, 1936
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Nov. 24, 1936
Strathecona, No. 77.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 4, 1936

Dominion, No. 117.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 7, 1936
Alliance, No. 135.....	Dec. 7, 1936
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 9, 1936
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 11, 1936
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Dec. 11, 1936
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec. 12, 1936
Crossfield, No. 48.....	Dec. 12, 1936
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 12, 1936
Rosebud, No. 149.....	Dec. 12, 1936
Brooks, No. 73.....	Dec. 18, 1936
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 19, 1936
King George, No. 59.....	Dec. 19, 1936
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec. 19, 1936
Cyprus, No. 113.....	Dec. 19, 1936
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 23, 1936
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 23, 1936
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 29, 1936
Melrose, No. 139.....	Jan. 2, 1937
Standard, No. 152.....	Jan. 19, 1937

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Concord, No. 124.....	Aug. 29, 1936
Perfection, No. 9.....	Oct. 22, 1936
Concord, No. 124.....	Oct. 22, 1936
Concord, No. 124.....	Apr. 15, 1937

To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Alliance, No. 135.....	Jan. 12, 1937
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To Hold Special Elections

Patricia, No. 91.....	Apr. 21, 1937
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To Elect and Install or Invest Out of Time

Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	July 17, 1936
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Aug. 24, 1936
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Aug. 25, 1936
Apollo, No. 27.....	Dec. 16, 1936
Eureka, No. 10.....	Mar. 20, 1937
Comet, No. 50.....	May 13, 1937
Foremost, No. 103.....	May 14, 1937
Oyen, No. 104.....	May 18, 1937

To Invest Out of Time

Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Jan. 6, 1937
Hussar, No. 130.....	Mar. 2, 1937
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Mar. 30, 1937

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Rosebud, No. 149.....	June 15, 1936
Carstairs, No. 20.....	June 16, 1936
Sharon, No. 157.....	Sept. 5, 1936
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Sept. 9, 1936
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Sept. 15, 1936
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Sept. 21, 1936
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Oct. 3, 1936
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Oct. 3, 1936
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Oct. 13, 1936
Apollo, No. 27.....	Oct. 22, 1936
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 24, 1936
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Ionic, No. 45.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Acme, No. 60.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Coronation, No. 72.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Cavell, No. 125.....	Dec. 3, 1936
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 7, 1936
Hanna, No. 78.....	Dec. 7, 1936
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Dec. 7, 1936
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Dec. 12, 1936
Oyen, No. 104.....	Jan. 26, 1937
St. John's, No. 25.....	Mar. 22, 1937
Dominion, No. 117.....	Apr. 21, 1937
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Apr. 29, 1937
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	May 7, 1937

Grand Representatives

A list of Commissions issued to Grand Representatives in other Grand Lodges and recommendations made by the M. W. the Grand Master of brethren as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, is shown in the Grand Master's Address.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. J. Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, M. W. Bro. R. Patterson, and M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Chairman; M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, and R. W. Bro. A. West.

Fraternal Dead

M. W. Bro. J. Raper, Chairman; M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, and M. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby.

Revision of Constitution

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W.

Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore.

Revision of Masonic Districts

R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, Chairman; R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon, R. W. Bro. Jas. McGhee, R. W. Bro. Jos. Madill and W. Bro. W. T. Coote.

To Draft Message of Loyalty to H.M. The King

M. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1935 (as corrected).....12,148

Increase

Initiated.....	180
Passed.....	184
Raised.....	178
Joined.....	113
Reinstated.....	44
Total Increase.....	337

Decrease

Dimitted.....	318
Suspended N.P.D.....	653
Suspended U.M.C.....	1
Died.....	147
Total Decrease.....	1,119
Net Decrease.....	782

Total Membership, December 31, 1936..... 11,366

Last year the net decrease in membership was 405; this year we show 782, undoubtedly caused by Suspensions N.P.D. under the Constitution. From reports received it is evident that lodges have very carefully gone into the matter and retained in good standing those of their members who were worthy by remitting their dues. Otherwise a very much larger number of suspensions would have been reported, for it appears that total outstanding dues have been reduced by more than 40 per cent. Not only that, but many lodges report payments of arrears that have been outstanding in some instances for more than two years. Lodges also not only find the duty of collecting arrears of dues much easier, but in many cases are relieved of a heavy burden they have been carrying for years. The other figures approximate closely those of last year.

It is evident that this annual report does not appear to have impressed many Masters and Secretaries of lodges, as half yearly returns

continue to come in with names incomplete or illegibly written and other items omitted. It would be a real service to this office if the D.D.G.M.'s would take a sample form with them on official visits and explain the necessity of care in filling them out, and also impress upon the Master the importance of seeing that the Secretary completes them and sends them in within the time allowed. Two lodges had to be fined for neglecting to send in returns, one of them a second time, but the Grand Master allowed the remission of the second fine as the returns were received immediately after it was imposed. In both cases warning letters had been sent and other letters followed, the D.D.G.M.'s of their respective districts receiving copies. Finally on appealing to a Grand Officer to help us in one case and Past Masters of the lodge in the other the returns came in at last two months and more late.

Fifty-nine Life Members were registered under the old Constitution since our last communication, making a total of 766 Life Members. Fifteen L. M. certificates have been issued under the new Constitution.

We have not expended the full amount appropriated for extra office assistance, but the allowance has been taken advantage of at times when without it we would have been almost swamped and compelled to delay issuing material that was needed. Of very great assistance was the kind offer of R. W. Bro. George Moore to place his addressograph machine and his personal assistance at our service, if we would procure the plates, an offer gladly accepted as the issue of the Bulletin and the various circulars sent to all lodges and Grand Officers entails much work addressing envelopes, and we express our grateful thanks to R. W. Bro. Moore for his generosity.

In connection with the Coronation Ceremonies, it was deemed advisable to display a flag from the Grand Lodge Offices, and with the approval of the Grand Master a Union Jack was purchased, a staff set up in a permanent position in the centre window and that and other windows draped in Grand Lodge colors, the general effect being quite pleasing, especially as the Temple Management had also suitably decorated the main entrance of the Temple.

I cannot conclude without expressing my sincere gratitude to Grand Lodge for the very beneficial holiday and rest they enabled me, my wife, daughter and grandchild to obtain at the Coast last summer. How much the three of us needed a thorough change was not realized until we returned with health renewed in marked degree. In fact I learned after doing without for very many years that a complete change of scene and climate is almost essential at intervals to retain normal health, which I am glad to say I have enjoyed ever since.

Faternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. S. Kenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending February 28th, 1937

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Monies received between February 1, 1936, and February 28, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$266.00	40.	Joppa.....	53.75
2.	Medicine Hat.....	290.35	41.	King Solomon.....	77.85
3.	Alberta.....	110.27	42.	Bowden.....	74.90
4.	North Star.....	233.60	43.	Tuscan.....	28.45
5.	Cascade.....	169.20	44.	Buffalo Park.....	74.90
6.	Spitzie.....	71.00	45.	Ionic.....	68.30
7.	Edmonton.....	341.05	46.	Palestine.....	69.00
8.	Innisfail.....	113.95	47.	Chinook.....	68.40
9.	Perfection.....	639.30	48.	Crossfield.....	131.65
10.	Eureka.....	167.80	49.	Robert Burns.....	41.70
11.	Acacia.....	235.20	50.	Comet.....	54.70
12.	Red Deer.....	142.10	51.	Unity.....	459.60
13.	Victoria.....	35.00	53.	Strathmore.....	114.05
14.	Jasper.....	173.25	54.	Mount Lebanon..	280.70
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	127.50	55.	Bassano.....	78.00
16.	Mountain View..	167.80	56.	Beaver.....	93.55
17.	Nanton.....	103.50	57.	Grassy Lake.....	50.10
18.	Britannia.....	101.40	58.	Chief Mountain..	77.40
19.	Cornerstone.....	176.05	59.	King George.....	369.90
20.	Carstairs.....	43.80	60.	Acme.....	84.80
21.	King Hiram.....	94.10	61.	Provost.....	65.95
22.	Corinthian.....	219.90	62.	Coal.....	50.35
23.	Calgary.....	247.82	63.	Empire.....	142.10
24.	Vermilion.....	187.50	64.	Bow Island.....	90.20
25.	St. John's.....	159.90	65.	Diamond City....	48.60
26.	Sentinel.....	128.25	66.	St. Andrew's.....	110.90
27.	Apollo.....	227.15	67.	Charity.....	90.40
28.	Ashlar.....	236.42	68.	Edson.....	207.30
29.	Kenilworth.....	114.60	69.	Connaught.....	49.05
30.	Summit.....	71.55	70.	Quarry.....	61.75
31.	Doric.....	66.30	71.	Tawatinaw.....	62.00
32.	Cairo.....	86.80	72.	Coronation.....	104.65
33.	Stavely.....	83.00	73.	Brooks.....	119.10
34.	Star of the West..	70.40	74.	Vulcan.....	186.30
35.	Mizpah.....	162.00	75.	Harmony.....	39.00
36.	Gleichen.....	109.10	76.	Fidelity.....	200.00
37.	Camrose.....	128.35	77.	Stratheona.....	217.80
38.	Hope.....	58.15	78.	Hanna.....	106.10
39.	Lethbridge.....	174.50	79.	Morning Star.....	41.45

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
80.	Excelsior.....	80.90	126.	Pembina.....	69.00
81.	Commercial.....	180.30	127.	Granite.....	156.20
82.	Acadia.....	91.32	128.	Forestburg.....	52.77
83.	Zetland.....	289.98	129.	Meridian.....	59.10
84.	Champion.....	56.60	130.	Hussar.....	49.75
85.	Suffield.....	10.00	131.	Kitseoty.....	43.15
86.	Rocky Mountain..	106.55	132.	Craigmyle.....	30.25
87.	Crescent.....	437.40	133.	Manyberries.....	63.45
88.	Wahpun.....	60.70	134.	Renfrew.....	163.71
89.	Peace River.....	130.20	135.	Alliance.....	54.50
90.	Norwood.....	201.60	136.	Cresset.....	68.05
91.	Patricia.....	349.90	137.	Irricana.....	123.15
92.	Saskatchewan.....	171.15	138.	Onoway.....	41.60
93.	Symbol.....	219.80	139.	Melrose.....	32.70
94.	Lamont.....	58.00	140.	Big Valley.....	99.75
95.	Kitchener.....	76.70	141.	Efficiency.....	71.94
96.	Dynamic.....	68.85	142.	Ivanhoe.....	244.60
97.	Albion.....	60.20	143.	Jasper Park.....	99.80
98.	Hand Hill.....	26.40	144.	Gratton.....	40.45
100.	Verdigris.....	109.15	145.	St. Alban's.....	104.40
101.	West Edmonton..	300.00	146.	Drumheller.....	137.00
102.	Edgerton.....	41.80	147.	Northland.....	92.65
103.	Foremost.....	74.50	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	63.25
104.	Oyen.....	51.60	149.	Rosebud.....	45.75
105.	Grande Prairie...	99.15	150.	Donalda.....	26.15
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	75.50	151.	Lochearn.....	77.05
107.	Carbon.....	86.70	152.	Standard.....	31.75
108.	Pyramid.....	40.20	153.	Whitcourt.....	125.00
109.	Ancient Landmark	47.55	154.	Waskatenau.....	23.80
110.	Kilwinning.....	25.20	155.	Earl Haig.....	137.55
111.	Nobleford.....	36.45	156.	Hythe.....	55.80
112.	Victory.....	27.85	157.	Sharon.....	38.40
113.	Cyprus.....	58.50	158.	Berry Cree.....	57.95
114.	Westlock.....	83.15	159.	Lucerne.....	38.90
115.	Crocus.....	53.80	160.	Sexsmith.....	32.75
116.	Spirit River...	73.50		Masonic District No. 4.	34.00
117.	Dominion.....	162.10		Masonic District No. 5.	85.25
118.	St. Mark's.....	177.40		Masonic District No. 8.	85.00
119.	York.....	133.60		Masonic District No. 9.	85.00
120.	Monitor.....	91.40		Masonic District No. 14.	85.40
122.	Rising Sun.....	67.65		Sundry Account.....	23.50
123.	Rockyford.....	68.00			
124.	Concord.....	207.87			
125.	Cavell.....	36.00			
			Total.....		
			\$18,634.00		

DEBIT BALANCES

As at February 28, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2.	Medicine Hat.....	1.80	13.	Victoria.....	32.00
3.	Alberta.....	9.73	14.	Jasper.....	1.60
5.	Cascade.....	10.50	16.	Mountain View...	3.80
6.	Spitzie.....	5.70	17.	Nanton.....	1.50
9.	Perfection.....	3.25	18.	Britannia.....	.15
12.	Red Deer.....	1.50	20.	Carstairs.....	.69

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
21.	King Hiram.....	44.20	93.	Symbol.....	4.50
24.	Vermilion.....	2.70	95.	Kitchener.....	4.70
25.	St. John's.....	20.00	98.	Hand Hill.....	31.75
27.	Apollo.....	.35	100.	Verdigris.....	3.40
33.	Stavely.....	1.50	101.	West Edmonton..	188.25
35.	Mizpah.....	55.30	102.	Edgerton.....	.45
36.	Gleichen.....	4.45	106.	Lake Saskatoon..	.90
37.	Camrose.....	1.80	108.	Pyramid.....	.75
38.	Hope.....	1.50	110.	Kilwinning.....	19.50
39.	Lethbridge.....	2.60	111.	Nobleford.....	17.35
41.	King Solomon....	.65	113.	Cyprus.....	10.20
43.	Tuscan.....	29.40	114.	Westlock.....	1.50
45.	Ionic.....	14.25	115.	Crocus.....	2.00
48.	Crossfield.....	345.59	116.	Spirit River.....	5.00
50.	Comet.....	2.20	117.	Dominion.....	5.00
55.	Bassano.....	37.05	118.	St. Mark's.....	154.55
56.	Beaver.....	1.00	119.	York.....	4.35
57.	Grassy Lake.....	1.50	126.	Pembina.....	1.45
58.	Chief Mountain..	.10	127.	Granite.....	1.00
61.	Provost.....	11.65	129.	Meridian.....	1.40
63.	Empire.....	.20	130.	Hussar.....	1.50
64.	Bow Island.....	1.55	132.	Craigmyle.....	1.50
66.	St. Andrew's.....	4.80	133.	Manyberries.....	1.80
67.	Charity.....	1.00	134.	Renfrew.....	.20
68.	Edson.....	1.50	136.	Cresset.....	1.50
69.	Connaught.....	5.50	137.	Irricana.....	3.00
71.	Tawatinaw.....	5.15	140.	Big Valley.....	.25
72.	Coronation.....	.30	142.	Ivanhoe.....	1.70
74.	Vulcan.....	5.00	143.	Jasper Park.....	2.90
75.	Harmony.....	7.10	145.	St. Alban's.....	17.85
76.	Fidelity.....	119.50	146.	Drumheller.....	.30
77.	Strathcona.....	16.00	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	20.65
79.	Morning Star.....	1.20	150.	Donalda.....	.15
82.	Acadia.....	.90	152.	Standard.....	1.00
87.	Crescent.....	97.40	153.	Whitecourt.....	41.35
89.	Peace River.....	5.50	155.	Earl Haig.....	.40
90.	Norwood.....	2.15	159.	Lucerne.....	.65
91.	Patricia.....	2.40			
92.	Saskatchewan.....	2.90			
				Total.....	\$1,484.76

CREDIT BALANCES

As at February 28, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	3.75	46.	Palestine.....	.25
7.	Edmonton.....	1.10	51.	Unity.....	7.10
8.	Innisfail.....	1.35	53.	Strathmore.....	.10
10.	Eureka.....	.80	60.	Acme.....	.45
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.25	62.	Coal.....	.85
19.	Cornerstone.....	1.75	65.	Diamond City....	.50
30.	Summit.....	.50	70.	Quarry.....	.50
31.	Doric.....	5.60	73.	Brooks.....	2.00
32.	Cairo.....	.90	78.	Hanna.....	3.50
40.	Joppa.....	2.30	80.	Excelsior.....	.10
42.	Bowden.....	1.30	81.	Commercial.....	1.10

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
84.	Champion.....	1.70	141.	Efficiency... ..	.89
85.	Suffield.....	10.00	154.	Waskatenau.....	.25
86.	Rocky Mountain..	.25	157.	Sharon.....	.15
97.	Albion.....	.50	158.	Berry Creek.....	.10
104.	Oyen.....	3.20	160.	Sexsmith.....	1.05
105.	Grande Prairie....	.75		Masonic District No. 5.	.35
109.	Ancient Landmark	.25		Masonic District No. 11.	.10
121.	Clive.....	6.70		Masonic District No. 12.	1.50
125.	Cavell.....	.50		Masonic District No. 14.	1.25
128.	Forestburg.....	.40		Masonic District No. 15.	3.00
131.	Kitscoty.....	1.95			
138.	Onoway.....	3.00			
			Total.....\$ 73.89		

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ended February 28th, 1937, and submit herewith the following statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at February 28th, 1937.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the fiscal period.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent
Fund Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during
the period.

STATEMENT showing the par value and cost of the Bonds,
together with the earned and accrued interest to date.

By reason of the change in the Constitution advancing the date
of the fiscal period to the last day in February, the statements this
year cover 13 months, which fact should be noted when making any
comparisons.

I have had submitted to me full and sufficient vouchers covering
all expenditures which were duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, with the Grand
Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee,
and examined the securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and
Relief Funds, and found same to be fully accounted for.

With reference to the accrued interest shown on the accompanying
schedule of Bonds, it should be observed that the interest on the
Province of Alberta Bonds is calculated at the full rate, regardless
of the Alberta Interest Reduction Act. No Coupons on these Alberta
Bonds have been cashed since this Act came into force.

I certify the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying State-
ments are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view
of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at February 28th, 1937,
according to the best of my information and the explanations given to
me, and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,

Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1937

ASSETS

General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 3,838.63
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,484.76
Books, Stationery & Supplies.....	\$2,232.17
Less Amount written off.....	371.93
Office Supplies on hand.....	1,860.24
Furniture and Fixtures.....	293.02
Regalia.....	2,032.56
	716.85
	<u>\$ 10,226.06</u>

Benevolent Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 478.98
Investment in Bonds (cost) (Par Value	
\$196,200.00).....	186,031.93
Accrued Interest.....	3,482.50
	<u>189,993.41</u>

Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	4,342.87
Investment in Bonds (cost) (Par Value,	
\$17,500.00).....	17,931.25
Accrued Interest.....	3,535.51
	<u>25,809.63</u>

Trust Fund:	
Walton Trust Fund—Balance in Bank	
of Nova Scotia.....	402.46
Strachey Trust Fund—Balance in Bank	
of Nova Scotia.....	30.31
	<u>432.77</u>

\$226,461.87

LIABILITIES

General Fund:	
Balances due to Lodges.....	\$ 73.89
Unexpired Proportion of Life Mem-	
berships.....	973.57
Surplus Account:	
Balance Feb. 1, 1936.....	\$9,768.32
Less amount written off	
Books and Stationery.....	\$371.93
Excess of Expenditure	
over Income.....	217.79
	<u>\$ 589.72</u>

Benevolent Fund:	
Capital Account:	
As per Schedule attached.....	9,178.60
	<u>\$ 10,226.06</u>

Relief Fund:	
Surplus Account—	
As per Schedule attached.....	25,809.63

Trust Fund:	
United Grand Lodge of England—	
Walton Trust Fund.....	\$ 402.46
Strachey Trust Fund.....	30.31
	<u>432.77</u>

\$226,461.87

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at February 28th, 1937

By Balance, February 1, 1936.....	\$189,080.47	
Affiliation Fees.....	132.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	4.04	
Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	778.65	
To Charges on Bonds Purchased.....	\$ 1.75	
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	189,993.41	
	<u>\$189,995.16</u>	<u>\$189,995.16</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at February 28th, 1937

By Balance February 1st, 1936.....	\$ 22,705.78	
Membership Dues.....	6,177.75	
Interest on Investments.....	7,181.32	
Interest on Savings Account.....	34.36	
Refund Wright Estate.....	817.00	
Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	2,742.67	
To Grants to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 13,226.25	
Expenses of Committee.....	23.00	
Proportion of Grand Lodge Office Ex- pense.....	600.00	
To Balance to Balance Sheet.....	25,809.63	
	<u>\$ 39,658.88</u>	<u>\$ 39,658.88</u>

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 13 Months ended February 28th, 1937

By Membership Fees.....	\$ 8,648.85	
Initiation Fees.....	404.00	
Certificate Fees.....	640.00	
Dispensations.....	181.00	
Life Membership Fees.....	287.26	
Supplies Sales.....	1,398.47	
Regalia Sales.....	319.00	
Affiliation Fees.....	126.00	
Charters.....	25.00	
Sundries.....	50.85	
To Cost of Supplies Sold:		\$12,080.43
Inventory, Feb. 1, 1936.....	\$1,724.31	
Purchases.....	1,689.45	
		\$3,413.76
Less Inventory, Feb. 28, 1937.....	2,232.17	
		\$1,181.59
To Cost of Regalia Sold.....		317.52
To Office Expenses:		
Salaries.....	\$5,603.70	
Rent and Light.....	1,235.00	
Telephone and Telegrams.....	147.35	
Postage and Express.....	307.48	
Janitor Service.....	175.00	
Office Supplies.....	125.27	
Exchange.....	55.55	
General Expense.....	169.99	
		7,819.34
To Printing.....	1,174.69	
Insurance.....	9.10	
Research Education Committee Ex-		
pense.....	116.23	
Grand Lodge Bulletin.....	169.96	
Grand Lodge Library.....	2.90	
		1,472.88
To Travelling Expenses:		
Grand Masters.....	300.00	
Bi-Centenary, Scotland.....	400.00	
Grand Officers.....	548.64	
		1,248.64
To Grand Lodge Expense:		
Annual Communication, Edmonton ..	263.30	
Presentation Regalia.....	289.46	
		552.76
To Depreciation:		
Furniture and Fixtures.....	225.84	
Regalia.....	79.65	
		305.49
		12,898.22
		\$ 817.79
Less Allocation from Relief Fund on account of		
Operating Expenses of Grand Lodge.....		600.00
Net Excess of Expenditure over Income.....		\$ 217.79

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for 13 Months from February 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1, 1936 \$ 4,606.06
 Receipts from Lodges 18,634.00

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries	5,603.70
Printing	1,174.69
Rent	1,235.00
Postage and Express	307.48
Office Supplies	132.81
Janitor Service	175.00
Telephone and Telegrams	147.35
Insurance	9.10
Reference Library Expense	2.90
Research Education Committee	116.23
Grand Lodge Bulletin	169.96
Exchange	67.40
General Expense	169.99
By Travelling Expenses:	\$ 9,311.61
Grand Masters	\$ 300.00
Bi-Centenary Scotland	800.00
Grand Officers	548.64
By Grand Lodge Expense:	1,648.64
Annual Communication, Edmonton	263.30
Presentation Regalia	289.46
By Rent Clive Lodge	552.76
Regalia for Resale	27.50
Books and Supplies for Resale	
Furniture and Fixtures	144.20
By Transfers:	2,151.17
Relief Fund	5,577.75
Benevolent Fund	132.00
By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	5,709.75
	3,838.63
	\$ 23,240.06

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

From February 1st, 1936 to February 28th, 1937

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1936.....	\$ 836.57	
Affiliation Fees.....	132.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	4.04	
By Bonds purchased.....		\$ 493.63
Balance in Bank.....		478.98
	\$ 972.61	\$ 972.61

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1936.....	\$ 3,987.03	
Interest on Bonds.....	7,181.32	
Membership Dues.....	5,577.75	
Receipts from Lodges on Account of Beneficiaries.....	625.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	34.36	
Refund from Wright Estate.....	817.00	
By Cheques issued to Beneficiaries.....		\$13,851.25
Interest due to Benevolent Fund.....		5.34
Expenses of Committee.....		23.00
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		4,342.87
	\$18,222.46	\$18,222.46

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
 February 28th, 1937

<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Interest Received</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
October 15th, 1943	5 %	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 47.99
October 15th, 1944	4½ %	100.00	100.00	2.25	3.92
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	2,000.00	1,975.00	90.00	29.50
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	8,000.00	7,851.25	360.00	118.35
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	1,500.00	1,507.50	67.50	22.18
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	500.00	493.25	22.50	7.39
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	1,500.00	1,566.00	67.50	22.18
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	1,000.00	1,086.00	45.00	14.79
June 1st, 1955	3 %	500.00	491.88	15.62	4.93
		\$ 16,200.00	\$ 16,160.88	\$ 697.87	\$ 271.23
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st, 1948	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 292.50	\$ 580.82
October 15th, 1954	4½ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	575.00	511.27
September 1st, 1955	5 %	23,000.00	21,390.00	112.50	1,150.00
October 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	45.00	205.58
October 1st, 1958	4½ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	112.50	82.23
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	540.00	205.58
June 1st, 1967	4½ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	11.25	807.78
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	500.00	480.00	962.50	20.55
September 1st, 1955	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75		1,925.00
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05	\$2,651.25	\$5,488.81
City of Calgary:					
June 2nd, 1944	5½ %	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 92.82
Jun 15th, 1945	5 %	2,000.00	1,990.00	100.00	20.54
March 12th, 1945	4½ %	2,000.00	1,380.00	90.00	41.67
December 1st, 1951	6 %	1,000.00	805.00	60.00	14.63
June 2nd, 1944	5½ %	5,000.00	4,137.50	275.00	66.30
March 31st, 1954	5½ %	4,000.00	3,580.00	110.00	201.01
January 1st, 1954	5½ %	10,000.00	9,075.00	550.00	88.90
January 1st, 1954	5½ %	9,000.00	8,302.50	495.00	80.01
		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,870.00	\$2,065.00	\$ 605.88
City of Edmonton:					
March 1st, 1944	5½ %	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,075.60	\$ 165.00	\$ 82.27
November 1st, 1945	5½ %	2,000.00	2,054.00	110.00	36.16
April 1st, 1947	5½ %	1,000.00	1,028.40	55.00	22.75
April 1st, 1960	5 %	13,000.00	12,940.00	650.00	268.90
		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 410.08
Total Bonds		\$196,200.00	\$186,031.93	\$6,394.12	\$ 6,773.35
Relief Fund Investment Account					
Dominion of Canada:					
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 69.86
November 1st, 1958	4½ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	34.93
November 1st, 1958	4½ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	69.86
November 1st, 1959	4½ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	69.86
		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,921.25	\$ 787.50	\$ 244.51

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

As Grand Librarian I beg to submit the following report:

Since the last annual communication no books have been purchased for the Grand Lodge Library.

A number of books from the circulating library have been sent out on application from time to time. These have no doubt been of value to the brethren both for information and for preparing addresses; but there is a difficulty in their return. Normally they should be returned within two months but are often retained for six months or more, in spite of reminders by mail. Therefore all requests for books from this library should come through the Secretary of the lodge and the lodge be held responsible for the return of all books borrowed by its members.

There are now about sixty sets of the British Masonic Miscellany throughout the jurisdiction. While the demand appears to have ceased for these books there must be a number of lodges which would find this set of great value. They can still be obtained if ordered.

"The Master's Book" by Claudy has had a good reception and a number have been obtained by several lodges in the jurisdiction.

One Magazine "The New Age" was subscribed for at the beginning of this year. This publication is particularly valuable for the information it contains regarding foreign jurisdictions and for that reason is useful in the preparation of the Grand Lodge Bulletin monthly, besides enabling the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations to keep abreast of the many happenings here and there throughout the world.

The following books were presented to the Grand Lodge Library for which the thanks of Grand Lodge should be recorded:

History of the Grand Lodge of Cuba.

Festschrift—History of a lodge in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Master Builders—by Bro. Lorne Pierce, of Toronto.

Address—"The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns", by
R. W. Bro. Dr. R. T. Halliday, J.G.W., Grand Lodge of
Scotland.

We have also been favored with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, many of whom also send us their Bulletins and Periodicals.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 9, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 11th, 1936, a full quorum being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Upon the election of the Vice-President, the following were named as Chairmen of their respective committees:

Grievances and Appeals—M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock.

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchel

Condition of Masonry—R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman.

Charters and New Lodges—R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore.

The chairmanship of the Committee on Finance was left to the committee to make their own appointment.

The Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 8th, 1937, when all matters pertaining to the various committees were distributed for their consideration and report.

The matter of Section 132 of the Constitution, relative to the representation by lodges who are indebted to Grand Lodge for dues was considered and it was decided that the Board recommend to Grand Lodge that the conditions applicable under this section be waived for this communication as regards those lodges who are in arrears.

Bro. R. S. Beattie of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, who was suspended for U.M.C. at the communication of 1933, having complied with the conditions therein laid down, the Board recommends that in view of the apology received from Bro. Beattie, that he be reinstated in Masonry.

The application of Bro. Basil Chaplin to North Star Lodge No. 4 for reinstatement, he having been suspended for U.M.C. in 1933, was referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

On behalf of this session of Grand Lodge, under the direction of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, the following message was sent to the Governor General to be forwarded to His Majesty King George VI:

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Grand Lodge assembled desire your Excellency to express to our Gracious Sovereign His Majesty King George our loyal devotion to his throne and person on the occasion of his accession to the throne of the British Empire. It is our earnest prayer that Almighty God may bless his life and that of Queen Elizabeth with health and happiness and their reign with prosperity and peace."

The reports of the several standing committees of the Board were duly presented and considered.

Fraternally submitted,

C. C. HARTMAN,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We have pleasure in presenting the report of the Board of Benevolence for the past year for your consideration and approval.

The Board held their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, when all matters were given due consideration. Applications were received from fifteen lodges, requesting assistance for sixteen distressed brethren or their families. During the year seven of our beneficiaries passed away. One of these, a widow, had been with us for many years. She had created a trust of her property for the benefit of Grand Lodge and the trustees were able when she died to refund to the Relief Fund the sum of \$817.00, and it is expected that further sums will be received from time to time. Some of the others had left dependents, widows or children, who still required assistance and the Board with the approval of the lodges concerned continued their grants according to the need in each case. Very few of our beneficiaries were dropped because of change in their financial condition which rendered them independent of further help, but in the case of a widow who married again our grant naturally ceased.

The accounts of Grand Lodge show that \$13,226.25 was paid out in benevolence during the fiscal period. This, you will note, covers a period of thirteen months, or just over \$1,000.00 a month.

We wish at this time to express our thanks to W. Bro. Robert J. Cranston, Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62, Caledonia, in the Grand Registry of Canada in Ontario, for his gift of a gavel made from wood of the old Caledonian Dam built in 1834, while the handle was a piece of mahogany brought from Glasgow. St. Andrew's Lodge was the lodge in which the late Bro. Col. James Walker was initiated in 1871.

It is the desire of the Board to comply with the wishes of the lodges in dispensing relief, but there are times when petitions are received that make demands which we are not able to meet. We would ask that the lodges refer to the regulations governing grants made by the Board, which are now included in the Constitution, and be satisfied that what they are asking is within the scope of the Board. Where demands cannot be met, suggestions are usually made to meet the necessity of the case, but we feel at times that the lodges do not appreciate the difficulties of the Board. The payment of funeral expenses is confined to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge and when one lodge made a request of this nature we were forced to refuse, but made the suggestion that assistance could be given to the family, who were in straightened circumstances, which suggestion was ignored by the lodge.

The Board finds that lump sum grants are seldom advisable as experience has shown that greater service is rendered the recipient by monthly grants, unless of course temporary aid is all that is required.

The Masters of lodges should bear in mind that the Grand Lodge office enjoys facilities by which benefits can be obtained which the Board can pass on. Thus when a lodge purchased a pair of glasses for one of their beneficiaries and paid a high price for the same, expecting Grand Lodge to pay half the cost, they were advised that had they communicated with the Grand Secretary a considerable saving could have been effected.

To relieve the distressed, to care for the aged and infirm and to bring comfort to the sick are matters of regular routine with the Board, but when opportunity is afforded to rehabilitate young lives crushed by disease or its aftermath, then we are proud to take advantage of such facilities as are at our command to do this worth while work. During the past year three such cases were brought to our attention, but in only one were we able to be of assistance. For the information of the Craft we give you the following details:

No. 1 was a mental case from birth which the parents thought by an operation could be cured, but after having the child examined by the best medical authorities in the Province we were very disappointed to be informed that nothing could be done.

No. 2 was a case in which we were exceedingly anxious to do something, but the desire of the widowed mother to use her daughter's infirmity as a means of soliciting charity precluded any action. The daughter was suffering from the effects of infantile paralysis, being unable to get around and confined to a wheel chair. Every effort was made to make the mother see the desirability of placing the girl in an institution where she would be properly treated and trained to be a useful member of society, but without avail, and we perforce refused to make a grant for the benefit of the other members of the family, rather than for this crippled girl.

In case No. 3 the widowed mother had come to the end of her resources while her son, a youth, was in need of special treatment in hospital, which from the nature of his illness would be long and tedious and was entirely beyond her means. She had almost despaired of being able to help him when the case was brought to the attention of the Board, who were glad of the opportunity to relieve this widow of the responsibility by contributing towards his treatment. The boy was taken to hospital and is now making fair progress towards recovery.

We wish to commend the action of one of our aged beneficiaries, who, by her frugality, was able to save small sums month by month to pay for an insurance policy sufficient to meet her funeral expenses. The Board knew nothing of her intention, until the paid up policy was placed in the hands of our representative in Vancouver for safe keeping.

The Board desire to submit to the Committee on Jurisprudence the following question, submitted by one of the lodges:

"What would be the attitude of the Board regarding honorary members of a lodge on whose behalf an application for assistance from Grand Lodge might be made by the lodge, with particular reference to clause 228 of the Constitution and the fee of \$5.00 payable by the lodge for honorary members who hailed from lodges without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

In conclusion, the members of your Board of Benevolence desire to express their high appreciation of the trust Grand Lodge has com-

mitted to them, giving them an opportunity of service which they have rendered to the best of their ability, ever keeping in mind the duty owing to Grand Lodge to see that the funds placed at their disposal are administered to the best possible advantage of their beneficiaries. The Board would also be remiss if they neglected to acknowledge with many thanks the co-operation of the brethren and the lodges in their benevolent work.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

February 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$130.00	Mrs. M. M. H.	260.00
Mrs. E. P. A.	325.00	Mrs. M. J. H.	65.00
Mrs. W. A. A.	195.00	Bro. G. H.	40.00
Mrs. C. C. B.	73.00	Mrs. S. H.	135.00
Mrs. S. E. B.	246.62	Bro. A. E. H.	52.50
Miss M. B.	453.35	Mrs. S. J.	390.00
Mrs. A. B.	15.00	Mrs. W. J.	325.00
Bro. L. D. B.	40.00	Bro. J. H. K.	150.00
Mrs. E. K. B.	60.00	Mrs. O. M. K.	130.00
Mrs. C. C.	260.00	Bro. W. K.	40.00
Mrs. C. C.	167.50	Miss L. L.	103.60
Bro. H. T. C.	130.00	Mrs. I. M.	36.00
C. Family	130.00	Mrs. K. R. M.	195.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	162.69	Mrs. A. M.	200.00
Mrs. M. D.	130.00	Bro. W. A. M.	25.00
Mrs. W. D.	97.50	Mrs. J. M.	165.00
Bro. F. D.	325.00	Bro. R. M.	25.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	135.00	Bro. R. McC.	25.00
Mrs. W. D.	65.00	Mrs. E. McC.	556.61
Mrs. H. D.	65.00	Mrs. E. I. McC.	75.00
Bro. E. D.	97.50	Mrs. L. McC.	30.00
Mrs. E. D.	130.00	Bro. G. D. McM.	180.00
Bro. C. L. D.	70.00	Bro. G. N.	130.00
Miss M. D.	15.23	Mrs. H. D. N.	65.00
Mrs. W. E.	65.00	Mrs. G. N.	97.50
Bro. C. N. E.	305.00	Mrs. A. P.	195.00
Bro. A. W. E.	50.00	Mrs. M. J. P.	160.00
Mrs. A. F.	260.00	Mrs. J. C. R.	100.00
Mrs. E. J. F.	325.00	Bro. R. R.	25.00
Mrs. L. M. F.	200.00	Mrs. E. R.	195.00
Bro. T. W. F.	430.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	496.78
Bro. J. H. F.	170.00	Mrs. D. R. R.	130.00
Bro. W. A. G.	110.00	Bro. S. S.	220.00
Mrs. R. G.	\$325.00	Bro. A. G. S.	325.00

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. S.	25.00	Mrs. S. W.	130.00
Bro. E. T. S.	260.37	Mrs. W. W.	97.50
Bro. A. S.	40.00	Mrs. A. W.	97.50
Mrs. T. G. S.	15.00	Mrs. G. W.	260.00
Mrs. E. E. S.	15.00	Bro. A. A. W.	12.50
Mrs. C. A. S.	240.00	Sundry Grants.	322.00
Bro. A. S.	45.00		
Bro. C. O. S.	195.00	Total Grants.	\$13,851.25
Mrs. M. T.	12.50	Less contributions from	
Bro. H. L. T.	50.00	Lodges for their ben-	
Mrs. W. J. T.	260.00	eficiaries.	625.00
Bro. C. V.	225.00		
Bro. L. S. W.	162.50	Total Grants by	
Mrs. E. W.	25.00	Grand Lodge.	\$13,226.25
Mrs. P. W.	260.00		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Calgary, June 8, 1937

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Although the depression which has been hanging over us for the last six or seven years has slightly lifted, the widespread loss of the crop in Southern Alberta in 1936, followed by the loss in stock during the past winter has retarded the recovery in Alberta to a great extent, and together with the unsettled conditions in the province has seriously affected our revenue, both from the lodges and our invested funds. As this report is being written crop conditions are not very bright for 1937 and unless rain falls very soon it is feared that we have further difficulties ahead of us.

Your committee has held six meetings during the year, when all expenditures were carefully considered. Under the revised Constitution of Grand Lodge the fiscal year period was changed from January 31st to the last day of February, in consequence of which the financial statements cover a thirteen months period. The books and accounts have been regularly audited by your auditor, whose report has been presented to you.

Copies of the following Financial Statements are now in your hands and we submit them for your consideration:

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1937.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for thirteen months ending February 28th, 1937, of the-

General Fund,

Relief Fund,

Benevolent Fund,

Revenue Account—General Fund.

Investment Account.

BALANCE SHEET

Following the usual procedure, the Balance Sheet sets forth the position of the several funds of Grand Lodge, and shows these funds to be in a very satisfactory condition, but in order that you may fully understand the statement, we would make the following observations:

Balances Due from Lodges—\$1,484.76. Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee in 1936, all dues have been charged up to lodges for the year ending December 31st, 1936. It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding this increase in charges to the lodges the balances due to Grand Lodge show a considerable reduction and with the exception of a few lodges, whose financial affairs are being carefully watched, we consider the situation is satisfactory.

Books, Stationery and Supplies—\$1,860.24. As will be ascertained from the Balance Sheet, the sum of \$371.93 was written off the value of the stock and the amount now shown represents the true value of all books, stationery and supplies on hand. On the recommendation of this committee two thousand copies of the new Constitution were procured, one thousand having been distributed before the close of the year. The actual cost of these Constitutions was somewhat higher than we had been paying in the past and as a consequence it was necessary to increase the price per copy to the lodges. However, we would point out that these are being sold at less than cost.

Regalia: No new regalia was purchased during the year, but it has been found necessary since to replace the regalia of two D.D.G.M.'s.

Investments: The only change in the investments from that of last year was the purchase of \$500.00 Dominion of Canada bond 3% 1955 maturity for the Benevolent Capital Fund. The amount shown as accrued interest represents the full interest rates as shown on the face of the bonds, but by reason of the fact that the Alberta Government passed certain legislation effecting a change in the rate of interest, your committee deemed it desirable to withhold the clipping of the coupons on the Alberta bonds as from July 1st last. Consequently the amount shown as accrued is much higher than heretofore. If we are compelled to accept the reduced rate, the accrued interest would be reduced by \$2,744.40. Since the Balance Sheet was made up the City of Calgary have entered into negotiations for a change in the interest payable and the liquidating of their bonds, but it is not anticipated that over the life of the bonds there will be any loss in interest. We would recommend that the policy of the committee be continued regarding interest accruing on Alberta Bonds, until such time as the matter is definitely settled.

All securities of Grand Lodge have been regularly inspected at the Bank by members of this committee.

Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships—\$973.57. There was an increase of 82 Life Members during the year, many of which were granted for twenty-five years' membership and for which no reserve was set aside. With the operation of the new Constitution and the elimination of Life Membership fees by Grand Lodge, there will be no further increase in this reserve, but will be reduced each year hereafter.

Benevolent Capital Account—\$189,993.41. The increase shown on accrued interest is largely accounted for by reason of the extra period of time covered in this statement.

Relief Fund Surplus Account—\$25,809.63. Twenty years ago one of the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge turned over her property in consideration of a permanent grant made by the lodge and Grand Lodge. During the past year this widow passed away at the advanced age of 85 years and the trustees of the estate reimbursed Grand Lodge to the amount of \$817.00. There is a further sum of \$3,683.00 due which will be paid as and when funds are available.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

The net result of the operations of Grand Lodge, as shown by the Revenue Account, reveals a loss of \$217.79, as compared with an excess of income over expenditure in 1936 of \$818.60. In 1936 \$1,200.00 was allocated from the Relief Fund towards the expenses of Grand Lodge, whereas this year only \$600.00 was allowed, so that taking this into consideration the net difference is \$436.39. This is accounted for by an increase in the following items of expenditure:

Salaries.. .. .	\$258.70
Postage.....	20.40
Travelling.....	59.17
Grand Lodge.....	111.66
Research and Education Committee.. .. .	41.35
General Expense	50.59
Bulletin.....	107.88

against which printing showed a decrease of \$66.63 and office expense \$76.28.

The compilation of the new Constitution and the increased demands for services made upon the Grand Lodge office necessitated the employment of a temporary stenographer, which accounts for the increase in salaries. The increase in Grand Lodge expense of \$111.66 was accounted for by reason of the purchase of two sets of presentation regalia in 1936. Bulletin expenses cover a full year, whereas the amount shown in 1936 only represents a few months. All other items of expense were necessary, but it is not anticipated that these increases will be recurring and every effort will be made to reduce expenses consistent with the efficient operation of Grand Lodge.

The contract for printing the Annual Proceedings was awarded the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, who submitted the most favorable quotation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the balances due to lodges, Suffield Lodge No. 85 is credited with \$10.00 and Clive Lodge No. 121 with \$6.70. As both these lodges are now extinct, having surrendered their charters, it is recommended that these liabilities be now cancelled and amounts credited to the General Fund.

We recommend that authority be continued for the purchase of new regalia for replacement of worn out regalia of Grand Lodge officers.

The Committee on Research and Education spent \$58.35 of its \$150.00 appropriation since last June, and we recommend that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made for this year.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 and his travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

It is recommended that the application of the levy of the fifty cents per capita payable to the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge be suspended for the Masonic year ending December 31st, 1937.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry submits for your consideration the following report:

This report is based largely on information from the D.D.G.M.'s and the Secretaries of lodges. Forms used to report the official visits of D.D.G.M.'s are very long and difficult to tabulate to get a picture of the whole, and whilst the financial statement of lodges appears necessary and correct a few questions answered by the Secretary at the time the statement is made might give the real condition of affairs in a more readily available form. It is suggested that in attempting to eliminate unnecessary and indefinite information, proposed forms be mailed here and there throughout the jurisdiction before adoption to discover if questions are clear and understandable in the same way by brethren of different trainings. As this data is largely for the purpose of comparison, it is necessary that this be so.

MEMBERSHIP

Following the trend of the last few years the actual number of members in the jurisdiction has of course decreased and 1936 shows, because of the change in the Constitution, a rather greater loss than in preceding years, actually a net decrease of 782 as against 405 the year before. Only seventeen lodges showed a net increase, fifteen of which were town or country lodges and two in the cities. These lodges were situated at widely separated points, from Barons and the Crow's Nest Pass to Hythe in the north, and suggested no favored district. The total increase was twenty-seven less than the previous year.

ATTENDANCE

Lodge attendance has not increased materially. The jurisdiction shows an average attendance of 44 per cent of resident mem-

bers. District No. 17 steps well ahead of all others in this respect with an average attendance of 63 per cent. Those districts with city lodges show a lower average attendance than those of town and rural lodges; District No. 3 reporting 28 per cent, the lowest in the jurisdiction. In other words the percentage of attendance appears to be in adverse ratio to the number of members within the jurisdiction of a lodge. As the exceptions to this, Districts No. 1 and 10 are up to average. Reports generally indicate a revival in interest and a thoroughly good Masonic spirit, and this should be evidenced before long by increased attendance.

WORK

Reports make it plain that the Work, that is the ritual and the conferring of degrees, is being kept well up in practically all lodges. There actually were a few less degrees conferred during the year than before, but a great deal of exemplification was done and many lodges have developed real degree teams. Fear is expressed by some D.D.G.M.'s that during these times there has been the occasional instance in which the Master has not been able to confer degrees and that the examining Board has not been careful enough before giving a certificate of proficiency. This committee would remind the brethren of the constitutional requirements in this respect, that our work may maintain its high standard.

In the absence of degree work many lodges are to be commended for their attempts to continue and stimulate interest in other ways. Masonic addresses have proven useful and will always be so, particularly if a program as laid out by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education is adopted. Study groups have been helpful where carried on with energy, and in this respect the work of many lodges in the presentation of plays is to be commended, and these have been not only a great credit to themselves, but an inspiration to all who have seen them.

Special festive evenings have become an important part in maintaining lodge interest, and are generally conducted along instructive and proper Masonic lines. This committee only offers the suggestion that social and evenings of this nature should continue to be important for their fraternalism rather than a commercial objective.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Considerable work has been done by your committee in the attempt to discover what, if anything, is the matter with the annual meetings of each district. A questionnaire was sent to each Past Grand Master, each D.D.G.M. and each D.D.G.M.-elect, in order to get the feeling of the members of the jurisdiction. Three of the P.G.M.'s offered valuable opinions, the D.D.G.M.'s responded well and the D.D.G.M.'s-elect heartily, one hundred per cent, and in most cases very frankly. The thanks of this committee is extended to these brethren for their support and help. And it is felt that by the proper use of the information now collected, which is being placed in the hands of the incoming D.D.G.M.'s and a satisfactory understanding between them and senior Grand Officers, each Deputy will be able to develop a program suitable and interesting to all lodges and members in his district.

There can be no doubt that District Meetings are recognized by the brethren as very important, even essential, and it is felt that some modification made by each district to suit local conditions will enable

these meetings to be a much greater asset to Masonic prosperity. On studying reports from all over the province and discussing problems with many brethren, one cannot fail to be struck by the appreciation so frequently expressed for the helpfulness of our present Grand Master at these meetings.

LODGE FINANCES

A study of financial statements, statistical reports and D.D.G.M.'s returns shows that a few lodges have continued to increase their bank accounts during these times. Most lodges have been able to live out of revenue, but by a small margin. A few lodges have gone into the red, and are using up what surpluses they had accumulated in better days; some unfortunately have none. A question of policy may arise in these lodges. So far no D.D.G.M. reports any lodge anxious to lose its identity, or amalgamate, so all must feel the possibility of carrying on. Per capita liability is only heavy where temples have been built and in all cases assets exceed liabilities by a comfortable margin.

The regret of the committee is extended to St. John's Lodge No. 25 at Vegreville on the loss by fire on February 19th of its very fine lodge room. These brethren were well protected by insurance.

Some lodges report insufficient coverage by insurance. A few report none at all.

CHARITY

The committee realizes that it is quite impossible to arrive at the correct amount of relief that is given in this jurisdiction. Help is given in various ways, perhaps more valuable in its personal touch than that here reported. Some lodges make no report of the money spent by them in benevolent work, but figures available from our reports show that practically the same amount was expended by constituent lodges in 1936 as in the preceding year, namely \$12,396.22. A great share of the relief extended in the jurisdiction was paid by a few lodges and the activity of the city lodges must be acknowledged in this respect. One district towards the south reports no expenditure for relief. It may be that none was required, but if the lodges find the need of charity in their districts and financial conditions make it too hard or impossible for them to meet the situation, they are reminded that the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence is prepared and anxious to accept the responsibility when brought to their attention through proper channels.

SUSPENSIONS AND ARREARS OF DUES

The Constitution makes these two subjects interlock so that they are more readily dealt with as one rather than separately. Suspensions in this jurisdiction ordinarily are under the 300 mark, but close to it. The situation may be seen from the following table

	1935	1936	Increase	Decrease
Suspensions.....	294	645	351	
Arrears of dues.....	\$64,142.00	\$32,494.00 (approx.)		\$31,648.00
Percentage members in arrears.....	35.5	28		
Per Capita arrearage.	\$5.28	\$2.86		\$2.42

The official report from District No. 6 was not to hand when this table was compiled, not being received until June 7th.

In the last few years under a strenuous campaign of collecting arrears, a suspension of slightly less than 300 reduced arrearages by \$5,000 to \$6,000. So this extra decrease of \$25,000 to \$26,000 must be directly related to the change in the Constitution and the 351 extra suspensions. This decrease of \$26,000 can be accounted for in three ways. (1) Arrears collected to prevent suspensions. (2) Dues remitted to prevent suspensions. (3) Cancellation of arrears by suspensions. It would seem that as a 50 per cent reduction in amount of arrearages only reduces the percentage of members in arrears by seven, that there still are many brethren who must pay promptly or be suspended on the 31st day of December next, according to the Constitution.

That the effect has been salutary seems plain and Masonry has been placed in a sound and healthy condition in this jurisdiction by the operation of the new provisions of the Constitution. The committee feels that Masonic consideration has been exercised in these cases of suspension, but a rescanning of the list in each lodge might save some worthy brother to the Institution and Masonry to that brother. Your committee would suggest that in such cases every effort be made to do this by compromise or full remission of dues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following were made by D.D.G.M.'s in their reports:

1. D.D.G.M. No. 3:

(a) That the Statement of Work forms be sent out at the same time as the Financial Statement forms.

(b) That there be a readjustment of regular meeting nights in this district.

2. D.D.G.M. No. 9:

That under competent direction the D.D.G.M.'s report forms on each lodge be simplified considerably and all returns be cut to a minimum.

This committee would recommend the following:

(a) That the D.D.G.M.'s report to Grand Lodge contain a general survey of conditions in the district with recommendations and suggestions.

(b) That the D.D.G.M.'s report, except under most extraordinary circumstances, must be in the Grand Lodge office on or before the 30th day of April in each year, in accordance with the Constitution.

(c) That the Craft be reminded of the great necessity of efficient leadership and that the objective in choosing a D.D.G.M. is not to honor some brother or some lodge, but to advance the ideals of Masonry and the welfare of the lodges.

(d) That in recognition of the services they have rendered to the brethren in their respective districts and to Grand Lodge, the

rank of R. W. Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following:

R. M. McCool (48)
Wm. Hyland (64)
E. A. Shaw (143)
A. B. Mitchell (12)
Jas. Hamilton (80)
W. H. Millar (40)
J. A. Livingstone (14)
Wm. A. Ross (6)
B. W. Richardson (69)

H. M. Scott (140)
D. J. Dickson (110)
G. McQueen (74)
Geo. Kilgour (91)
A. F. Clark (156)
Wm. J. Winning (158)
Jas. C. Smith (60)
J. W. Harrison (93)

Fraternally submitted,

C. C. HARTMAN,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The following questions have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

First, by the Board of Benevolence: "What should be the attitude of the Board regarding honorary members of a lodge on whose behalf an application for assistance from Grand Lodge might be made by the lodge, with particular reference to Clause 228 of the Constitution and the fee of \$5.00 payable by the lodge for honorary members who hailed from lodges without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

Your committee is of the opinion that a member who hails from another Grand Jurisdiction and who has been made an Honorary Member of a constituent lodge in this jurisdiction has no claim whatsoever on the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund by virtue of such honorary membership.

Second, an application was made by a member of a lodge and by resolution of a lodge itself to the Grand Secretary for copies of correspondence passing between the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Office, and this request was refused by the Grand Secretary.

Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Secretary was correct in regard to the above, and further recommends that no copies of Grand Lodge correspondence be given out except by order of the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by V. W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre (92), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee report that we have read the report of the Grand-Secretary and would state as follows:

We note that the duties of the Grand Secretary have been carried out in the usual efficient manner, which duties continue to increase year by year, and we recommend that an appropriation be made to provide for extra help in case same is required during the year.

We note the continued delinquency of some of the Secretaries of lodges in making returns to Grand Lodge and recommend that one of the duties of the D.D.G.M. should be, on receiving notice from the Grand Secretary that returns have not been received from a particular lodge, to see that the same is attended to immediately.

The net decrease in membership of 782 we believe is caused by the carrying out of the provisions of the new Constitution and shows clearly that the Masters and officers of the lodges are endeavoring to follow the regulations with regard to payment of dues.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Secretary's office was saved considerable expense through the kindness of R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore in loaning the use of his addressograph machine.

We are pleased to note that the holiday granted the Grand Secretary last year had a very beneficial effect on his general health and we recommend that he be urged to take a vacation again this year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S
ADDRESS**

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We extend our congratulations to the M. W. the Grand Master for having had such a successful year of office, for having been so assiduous, both in and out of season, treading the highways and byways of the jurisdiction and following the channels of the seven seas of the Atlantic in order to comply with the requirements of his position:

We join with the Grand Master in regretting the great loss to Freemasonry in Canada owing to the death of M. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

It is of particular interest to note that the M. W. the Grand Master and the Custodian of the Canadian Work attended each District Meeting and that they were accompanied by the Custodian of the Ancient York Work in those districts where that Work is used. We note the conclusions arrived at by the Grand Master regarding District Meetings as at present constituted, but as this is to be the subject of another report and discussion, we refrain from any further comment.

We heartily concur in the manner in which the Grand Master dealt with the question of lotteries.

We approve of the decisions and rulings of the Grand Master.

The reminder on insubordinate conduct is both timely and proper.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Master was able to be present to represent this Grand Lodge at the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held in the City of Edinburgh on November 30th, 1936, and read with pleasure his vivid description of his visit. We commend the Grand Master for his efforts looking for the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark.

Your committee specially commends the Grand Master for the efforts put forth in connection with the holding of a Coronation Ceremony throughout the jurisdiction in the month of May.

We note with satisfaction the remarks of the Grand Master regarding the office of Master of a lodge.

Your committee wishes to join with the Grand Master in congratulating M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., for the splendid work he is doing as editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that V. W. Bro. Robert J. Dawes and V. W. Bro. Peter Ferguson be granted honorary rank in this Grand Lodge equivalent to that which they hold in their own Grand Lodges.

We regret the loss, through fire, sustained by St. John's Lodge, No. 25, of Vegreville. In this connection we would again refer to the remarks made by this committee last year.

The condition of Masonry has naturally been referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and so we refrain from comment on the remarks of the Grand Master.

Your committee is in accord with the Grand Master in his recommendation that an annual sum be made available so that visits to other jurisdictions may be made by our Grand Master. We also join in the recommendation to send a representative to the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in 1938, and in the further recommendation that a sum be set aside towards entertaining our English brethren as they journey across Canada, after their visit with Nova Scotia.

We wish to commend the M. W. the Grand Master for his desire to introduce the principle of awarding Jewels for meritorious service rendered to the Craft. This is following a traditional policy of many Grand Jurisdictions and we beg to recommend accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report on its work for the past Masonic year as follows:

1. Catalogue of Material (Copy attached):

A catalogue of addresses under 119 headings was prepared. A perusal of the catalogue will demonstrate that addresses are available on almost every Masonic subject. It was also made known to all lodges in Alberta that addresses would be prepared by the Committee on any subject which was desired and which was not included in the catalogue.

2. Circulars:

During the year your Committee prepared and sent out to each lodge through the office of the Grand Secretary, three circulars, copies of which are attached hereto.

3. Progress:

While progress has been made this year, your Committee feels that the surface of the possibilities of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education has only been scratched. The constituent lodges throughout the Jurisdiction have taken advantage of the material available to a very considerable extent, but greater use could be made of the Committee than has been made to date. In the course of the year, the Committee received and answered 124 communications. Papers were made available to 23 lodges or individuals, and in each case the Committee received a most appreciative response for the material supplied to them. Nine plays were sent out by the Committee and a very encouraging response was received from the lodges which took the time to produce them.

4. Responses:

A number of letters of appreciation were received, from two of which the following typical excerpts are taken:

- (a) "I return herewith the material you so kindly loaned me on the Symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This proved invaluable to us in shaping our programme of last night, and I am happy to advise that the programme was well received by the brethren present. I would like to thank you and your Committee for all the assistance given. As the brethren are anxious for more, I would appreciate your loaning me any material you have on Symbolism of the Fellow-Craft Degree, at the earliest possible moment."
- (b) "In the meantime I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending the material in question, which has proven helpful, and especially the one now returned as regards the history and growth of the Order in the Dominion."

5. Conclusion:

A number of meetings of the Committee, consisting of the Edmonton members, have been held. Continuous contact has been maintained with other members throughout the Province.

Your Committee feels that a great deal yet remains to be done in encouraging the lodges throughout the Jurisdiction to make more extensive use of its services. A greater promptness in returning material loaned would be appreciated.

We would particularly like to express our appreciation of the monthly Bulletin edited by M. W. Bro. Mitchell; it was a material and valuable assistance in our work.

We have reviewed the report of the Grand Librarian and note the delay in the return of books from the circulating library and concur in his recommendation that all requests for books should come through the Secretary of the lodge, and the lodge be held responsible for the return of books borrowed by its members.

We note that many of the lodges have not obtained "The Master's Book" by Claudy, and would recommend its purchase by constituent lodges, through the Grand Secretary's office.

Although no expenditure was made by the Grand Lodge Library of Edmonton during the past year, your committee would recommend that a sum not exceeding \$25.00 be made available for the purpose of adding to its collection.

A total expenditure of \$58.35 was incurred for the preparation of material and for postage.

I, as Chairman of the Committee, wish to thank each member for the hearty support and co-operation they have consistently given me during the year. Especially do I wish to express to W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson my appreciation of his competent services as Honorary Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. WEST,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS

Calgary, June 9, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Revision of Districts submitted a report and a suggested revision of Districts at the Especial Grand Lodge held in Edmonton on June 9th, 1936, recommending that discussion be left over until the Grand Lodge session in 1937.

The changes suggested affected nine Districts, involving ninety-five lodges, and entailed the creation of three new Districts. Your committee then felt that the desires of such lodges and districts should be considered. Subsequent discussions in different Districts would indicate that the proposed general revision is not entirely acceptable and, in the interests of harmony, your committee recommends that no further action be taken.

In Districts where for any reason a change is definitely desirable, it is suggested that a special recommendation might be made through the D.D.G.M.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. TRUESDALE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That the report of the Special Committee on Revision of Masonic Districts be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Two cases have been referred to this committee:

Case No. 16: A member having been charged with misappropriation of funds was regularly tried by his lodge and being found guilty of the charge was recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your committee have reviewed the trial proceedings and concurs in the finding, and recommends that this brother be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Case No. 17: In 1933 a brother, after due trial, was indefinitely suspended by his lodge for unmasonic conduct, and he appealed on October 3, 1933, to the then Grand Master on the ground that the sentence was too severe, which appeal was laid over by order of the Grand Master for two years and the lodge notified accordingly. At

the end of two years, on October 25, 1936, the said brother applied to his lodge for reinstatement. The application was referred to a special committee which after due and proper investigation reported favorably. On a ballot being taken in the lodge on April 12, 1937, the application was rejected.

The opinion of your committee therefore is that the accused accordingly remains under sentence of indefinite suspension.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The duties of your Committee during the past twelve months have been relatively light. Much fraternal correspondence has been received but little required particular action.

Direct and indirect news has reached us of the fate of Freemasonry in Spain. Your Committee can but sadly regret its impotence to do anything save offer its deep fraternal sympathy and express the hope that Freemasonry in this presently unhappy land may rise from the ashes when peace comes again.

Formal application for recognition has been under consideration from:

The Grand Lodge of Paraiba
The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico
The Grand Lodge of Peru
The Grand Lodge of Vienna
The Grand Loja do Rio Grande do Sul.

The recognition of the Grand Lodges of Porto Rico, Paraiba, Peru and Vienna is now recommended, finding that they meet our requirements as set out in our Proceedings. They also carry on benevolent work along similar lines to our own, and finally they are recognised by the oldest established Grand Lodges.

Regarding the Grand Lodge of Paraiba, there is some discussion between the Grand Lodges of England and New York regarding Freemasonry in Brazil, but from the information available, this Grand Lodge is quite regular. Moreover, a year ago we had the application of this Grand Lodge under consideration and virtually agreed to recommend recognition at this communication and nothing has occurred to change our views.

The M. W. the Grand Master met the representative of the Grand Lodge of Vienna in Edinburgh last November and their conversations confirmed the information we already had.

Postponement of action on the application of the Grande Loja do Rio Grande do Sul is advisable, pending receipt of further information and replies to correspondence to their Grand Secretary.

Correspondence has been opened with a view to recognition and exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark. Success in this direction should be materially aided by the personal contacts made by our Grand Master with representatives of these Grand Jurisdictions at the Scottish Bi-Centenary.

There is another important European Grand Lodge, The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, which by reason of its direct derivation from the Grand Lodge of England before the union, should we think be in fraternal correspondence with our Grand Lodge, and it is proposed to open negotiations with that Grand Lodge at once, and we recommend that the necessary steps be taken as soon as convenient after this communication.

Your committee recommend that the Rules for Recognition of Another Grand Body be printed as a permanent appendix in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

The annual reviews of Proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions is submitted with this report and the committee recommends that it be printed as usual in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT ON THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Calgary, June 8, 1937.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A report on the Grand Lodge Bulletin from the operating side must, of necessity, be the expression of one man's views.

To gather and arrange material for a publication which will be satisfactory to all members of the Craft is a task which might very well make any brother hesitate and weigh his own capacity. Yet for nearly two years this is the job which, humbly, I have tried to do.

During the period of publication I have had a number of congratulatory and encouraging letters from lodges and brethren and to them I express now my sincere thanks.

But I believe a more formal record of the wishes of the brethren is advisable for future guidance, particularly with regard to the expression of editorial opinion and the need for it. Then, too, the brethren may consider the need for extending the scope, size and content of the Bulletin. To obtain these expressions of opinion this report has been introduced.

During the current year ten issues have been published, endeavoring as far as possible, in the limited space available, to reflect Masonic opinion here and elsewhere, and the events of the hour as they concern Freemasonry.

The average circulation is about 700 copies per month, and the total cost of the Bulletin for the current year \$225.58, or \$22.56 per issue.

Seven lodges have requested bulk subscriptions of from 25 to 100 copies per month, so that general distribution among their membership is made possible. This course is commended to other lodges interested in Masonic Education.

In presenting his report your Editor expresses the hope that he has succeeded in reminding the brethren of the tremendous scope and influence of Freemasonry, and in pointing to them, once more, the opportunities for human brotherhood, righteousness, truth and beauty in the Craft tenets and ceremonies. Success in this, even in small measure, is no mean reward for service gladly given.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Editor.

Several of the brethren spoke in a very appreciative manner of the excellent work done by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell in editing the Bulletin and Grand Lodge expressed its thanks to him and went on record as favoring its continuance, M. W. Bro. Mitchell agreeing to continue as Editor.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the Report on the Grand Lodge Bulletin be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:25 o'clock p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

At 6:30 o'clock an excellent dinner was served in the Banquet Hall, attended by nearly 300 delegates and visitors, during which an orchestra composed of members under the leadership of Bro. D. Morrow rendered several selections which were much appreciated.

On the Dais, in honor of our distinguished visitors, the Stars and Stripes of the United States stood side by side with the Union Jack, and after the time honored toast, "The King and the Craft," the National Anthem and "America" were heartily sung.

A few brief speeches, interspersed by solos from the well known Calgary artists, Bros. Albert Kent and George MacBeth, accompanied by Bro. F. B. Cooper, followed. The toast to the Grand Lodge of Alberta was proposed by Bro. F. H. Le Couteur, who gave the viewpoint of a young Mason, which was replied to by the Grand Master in felicitous terms. The toast to Sister Grand Jurisdictions was proposed by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., and responded to by our visitors, M. W. Bro. John Kain, R. W. Bro. Luther Hauberg and V. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate. Their replies were replete with wit, humour and wisdom, a "combination salad" in the concoction of which they are certainly adept.

A pleasing incident of the evening occurred when M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented a bouquet of flowers to the M. W. the Grand Master, requesting him to convey them to Mrs. Macaulay with the best wishes of the assembled brethren, who appreciated the fact that the arduous duties of the office had compelled the Grand Master to spend much time during the past year on his official visits away from home. M. W. Bro. Macaulay expressed his thanks for the thoughtfulness of the brethren, saying that Mrs. Macaulay would greatly appreciate this token of their regard.

On the conclusion of the speeches the brethren adjourned to the Lodge Room and with many more members witnessed a well staged and most excellent exemplification of the Initiation of a Candidate in an Irish Working of 1730, as dramatized from old documents and records of that period by V. W. Bro. Philip Crossle, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The presentation of this drama by members of King George Lodge, No. 59, reached a really remarkable degree of perfection, both in the acting of the participants and the rendering of their several parts. Being in costume and having made themselves or obtained suitable and appropriate old time fittings and properties, the staging was perfect. In addition, the drama, being an exemplification on the floor of the lodge of the Masonic Ritual of those days, was highly instructive to all who witnessed it, and the cast received a wonderful ovation and many complimentary expressions from the assembled brethren on their successful production. In short, the entire evening was voted an unqualified success.

Following is the Cast of Players, who presented the Drama:

Master.....	W. Bro. Joseph Brown
Senior Warden.....	W. Bro. G. L. McHenry
Junior Warden.....	Bro. J. Livingston
Senior Deacon.....	Bro. H. M. Hartney
Junior Deacon.....	Bro. T. P. Coleman
Secretary.....	Bro. F. T. Matthews
Mr. Smith, a Candidate.....	Bro. H. Nield
Brethren of the Lodge....	W. Bro. Crooks and Brothers Cropper, Holbrook, Kerr, Jones, Meaker, Morris, Robinson

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:10 o'clock p.m.

ADDRESSES BY VISITORS

Our Montana visitors having expressed a wish to make an early start on their return journey because of threatening weather, the Grand Master requested them to address Grand Lodge at this time.

M. W. Bro. John Kain, Grand Master of Montana, delivered an eloquent address, compelling the closest attention by the earnest sincerity with which he presented his theme under the title of "A Travelogue of Masonry," but actually a strong appeal for more practical, daily exercise of that Brotherhood and Fellowship for which Freemasonry is designed. He spoke graciously of the welcome he and his wife and his Grand Secretary had received in Calgary and referred in generous terms to the flags of both our countries standing together as they were last night. He told us a little about his life, born in Scotland, coming to the United States as a very young boy, returning on the death of his father to Liverpool where his mother cared for her children till they grew up, his desire to again return to the States, especially to the wide spaces which presented so much opportunity for expansion, inducing him to strike straight for the West, locating in Helena, Montana, where his home has been ever since. He spoke with affection and respect for the land of his birth, the home of his boyhood, and with pride and loyalty of the land of his adoption.

With this as a background his message became clear. In speaking of Masonry as a journey, from Initiation onward, he referred to its dignity, its insistence on the need of mutual support and forbearance, inculcating charity of word as well as deed, being continued and developed as we pass along the Masonic road until the summit is reached. If the brethren would absorb the spirit of these things, putting them into daily practice, then he believed brotherhood and fellowship would be developed in the fullest meaning of the terms and would in turn have profound influence on the wellbeing of themselves, their lodges and immediate communities, and on their Grand Lodge in its relations with other Grand Lodges. The Masonic precepts and teachings would by exemplification in daily lives become by this process a vast influence for good wherever Masonry was known and practised. Masonry would then fulfill its mission and be a vital force in bringing about that peace and harmony which in the world at large is so lacking today.

Much to our regret, M. W. Bro. Kain's address could not be taken verbatim, and being given without notes it is impossible to reproduce it in print.

R. W. Bro. Luther Hauberg, Grand Secretary, then spoke, referring to the kindly relations which had always existed between the Grand Lodge of Montana and their neighboring Grand Lodges on

both sides of the International Border, which the interchange of visits had done much to foster and maintain. He dwelt on the similarity of our Masonic problems, finding that his Canadian brethren approached them in the same Masonic way in which they did at home. Alberta and Montana in particular had very much the same country and climate, mountains and plains, with only an imaginary line dividing the two. Therefore, it was very natural that they should fraternize together, and he spoke with pleasure of the exchange of visits between lodges near the border, feeling that much good would result.

His address was interspersed with occasional flashes of that dry humour for which he is well known, perhaps the best sample of which he reserved for almost his last word, when he referred to their departure, the gas tank of his car would be "waving" good-bye to our Alberta roads!

V. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, spoke briefly, saying that he had been commissioned by their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. J. W. Estey, to represent him, as he was attending the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Brandon that day and therefore could not accept the cordial invitation which had been extended to him, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. B. Tate, his father, was also unable to be present owing to the preparations necessary for their own Annual Communication. He expressed himself as delighted with the opportunity he had had of meeting with the brethren of Alberta and extended a hearty invitation to one and all when in Saskatchewan to visit their lodges and the Grand Lodge office in Regina, where they would be assured of a warm welcome. And in particular he hoped that our Grand Master would find it possible to be present at their Annual Communication in Moose Jaw the following week.

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be conferred on M. W. Bro. John Kain, Grand Master of Montana, and that the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on R. W. Bro. Luther Hauberg, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and V. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis (23), "That the thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge be extended to the artists who so kindly entertained us at the banquet last evening, and to W. Bro. Joseph Brown, P.M., and other members of King George Lodge, No. 59, who so ably presented the Drama, exemplifying a first degree in an Irish Lodge of 1730."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers on the election of Grand Officers: M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. Wm. Hyland, R. W. Bro. R. M. McCool, R. W. Bro. D. Penman, R. W. Bro. W. A. Ross, V. W. Bro. H. W. Bell, V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, and W. Bro. R. E. Patterson.

On the election of members to the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers: M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironsides, R. W. Bro. Robt. Cockburn, V. W. Bro. W. J. Horrocks, W. Bro. G. W. Skene, W. Bro. A. S. Dick, W. Bro. E. S. Tharp, and W. Bro. A. S. Blackie.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 340 members and 33 Master Masons present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 573, consisting of 68 W.M.'s with 166 votes; 28 S.W.'s with 38 votes; 24 J.W.'s with 30 votes; 219 Past Masters with 219 votes and 40 proxies with 120 votes

122 Chartered lodges are represented.

34 Chartered lodges are without representation:

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River.....	1	1	1	5	..	8
2. Medicine Hat	3	..	..	3	..	6
3. Alberta.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
4. North Star	3	..	..	1	..	4
5. Cascade.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
6. Spitzie.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
7. Edmonton.....	2	..	1	5	..	8
8. Innisfail.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
9. Perfection.....	1	1	1	6	..	9
10. Eureka.....	..	..	3	3	..	6
11. Acacia.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
12. Red Deer.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
15. Wetaskiwin.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
16. Mountain View ...	2	1	..	5	..	8
17. Nanton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Britannia.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
19. Cornerstone.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
20. Carstairs.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
21. King Hiram.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
22. Corinthian.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
23. Calgary.....	1	1	1	10	..	13
24. Vermilion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
25. St. John's.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
26. Sentinel.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
27. Apollo.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
28. Ashlar.....	1	1	1	5	..	8
29. Kenilworth.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
30. Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
31. Doric.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
32. Cairo.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
33. Stavely.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
34. Star of the West ..	..	..	..	1	3	4
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36. Gleichen.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
37. Camrose.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
41. King Solomon.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
42. Bowden.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
43. Tuscan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
45. Ionic.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
46. Palestine.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
48. Crossfield.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
49. Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
51. Unity.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
53. Strathmore.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
54. Mount Lebanon...	1	1	1	4	..	7
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
56. Beaver.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain...	..	..	..	2	3	5
59. King George.....	2	1	..	9	..	12
60. Acme.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
61. Provost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
62. Coal.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
63. Empire.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
64. Bow Island.....	..	..	..	4	3	7
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
66. St. Andrew's.....	1	1	1	..	..	3
67. Charity.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
68. Edson.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
69. Connaught.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71. Tawatinaw.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
72. Coronation.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74. Vulcan.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76. Fidelity.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
77. Stratheona.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
78. Hanna.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
79. Morning Star.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
80. Excelsior.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
81. Commercial.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
82. Acadia.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
83. Zetland.....	..	2	1	11	..	14
84. Champion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
86. Rocky Mountain...	3	..	..	1	..	4
87. Crescent.....	..	2	1	4	..	7
88. Wahpun.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	..	3	3

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
90.	Norwood	..	..	..	1	..	1
91.	Patricia	2	1	..	2	..	5
92.	Saskatchewan	..	3	..	1	..	4
93.	Symbol	..	3	..	4	..	7
94.	Lamont	..	..	..	..	..	..
95.	Kitchiner	..	..	..	1	..	1
96.	Dynamic	..	..	..	..	..	..
97.	Albion	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Verdigris	3	..	..	..	..	3
101.	West Edmonton	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton	..	..	..	..	..	..
103.	Foremost	..	..	..	..	..	..
104.	Oyen	3	..	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie	..	..	..	..	..	..
106.	Lake Saskatoon	..	..	..	1	3	4
107.	Carbon	..	..	..	4	3	7
108.	Pyramid	..	..	..	..	..	..
109.	Ancient Landmark	..	..	..	..	..	..
110.	Kilwinning	..	3	..	1	..	4
111.	Nobleford	..	..	..	..	..	..
112.	Victory	..	..	..	..	3	3
113.	Cyprus	..	2	1	..	..	3
114.	Westlock	..	..	..	..	3	3
115.	Crocus	3	..	..	1	..	4
116.	Spirit River	..	..	..	..	3	3
117.	Dominion	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's	2	1	..	3	..	6
119.	York	3	..	..	..	..	3
120.	Monitor	..	..	..	1	3	4
122.	Rising Sun	3	..	..	..	..	3
123.	Rockyford	1	1	1	2	..	5
124.	Concord	2	1	..	7	..	10
125.	Cavell	3	..	..	2	..	5
126.	Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite	2	1	..	..	..	3
128.	Forestburg	..	..	..	1	3	4
129.	Meridian	..	..	..	..	..	..
130.	Hussar	..	..	..	..	..	..
131.	Kitscoty	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle	..	..	..	..	..	..
133.	Manyberries	..	..	..	..	3	3
134.	Renfrew	2	..	1	6	..	9
135.	Alliance	3	..	..	..	..	3
136.	Cresset	..	..	..	1	3	4
137.	Irricana	..	..	..	1	..	1
138.	Onoway	..	..	..	..	..	..
139.	Melrose	..	..	..	..	..	..
140.	Big Valley	3	..	..	..	..	3
141.	Efficiency	3	..	..	..	..	3
142.	Ivanhoe	2	1	..	2	..	5
143.	Jasper Park	..	2	1	1	..	4
144.	Gratton	..	..	..	1	3	4
145.	St. Alban's	..	..	..	..	..	..
146.	Drumheller	2	..	1	..	..	3
147.	Northland	..	..	..	..	3	3
148.	Mayerthorpe	..	..	..	..	3	3

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
149. Rosebud	..	..	..	..	..	..
150. Donalda	..	..	..	..	..	..
151. Lochearn	..	..	..	2	3	5
152. Standard	2	..	1	2	..	5
153. Whitecourt	..	..	..	..	..	..
154. Waskatenau	..	..	..	..	3	3
155. Earl Haig	..	..	..	..	..	..
156. Hythe	..	..	..	1	3	4
157. Sharon	3	..	..	1	..	4
158. Berry Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne	2	..	1	1	..	4
160. Sexsmith	..	..	3	1	..	4
	166	38	30	219	120	573

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour (91), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and at this communication and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1937

M. W. Bro. Clare C. Hartman (16)	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Archibald West (7)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George Mooré (23)	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis (23)	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11)	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. John Raper (76)	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine (134)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John A. Bell (35)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. J. Lester Clarke (21)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden (128)	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Archibald S. Dick (19)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Stewart (31)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Chappell (86)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Andrew Scotland (27)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Earl D. Martin (136)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frederick C. Casselman (14)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Charles A. Walker (88)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Stanley E. C. Argue (78)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond (137)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Charles R. Walrod (123)	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Conrad T. Lally (44)	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (124)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby (151)	Rocky Mountain House
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4)	Lethbridge
R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54)	Calgary
V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (69)	Viking
W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary
And for one year:	
W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142)	Edmonton

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124)	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Wm. S. Park (83)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Victor Hessel (22)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Wm. S. Kent (117)	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Fred W. Heath (91)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. George L. Parney (14)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. G. Percy Puffer (76)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Albert E. Hollings (45)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. John K. Mulloy (58)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Ernest C. Tregale (61)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Norman O. Jack (71)	Grand Steward

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1:15 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:55 o'clock p.m:

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed by M. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, complimenting him upon the completion of a most successful year of office and commenting on the skill and ability with which he had ruled Grand Lodge at this communication. M. W. Bro. Macaulay in replying thanked the Grand Lodge officers and the brethren generally for the cordial way in which they had supported him during his year of office and trusted that they would afford M. W. Bro. Hartman the same hearty co-operation in the work of Grand Lodge that he had experienced.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-second Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 4:00 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.



GRAND OFFICERS, 1937

M. W. Bro. Dr. Clare C. Hartman (16), Olds	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Archibald West (7).....	Deputy Grand Master
Campus 5, University of Alberta, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine (134).....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
3020 - 1st Street West, Calgary	
R. W. Bro. John A. Bell (35).....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
130 - 2nd St. S.W., Medicine Hat	
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51).....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
10983 - 125th Street, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Dr. J. Lester Clarke (21), Didsbury.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden (128), Forestburg.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Archibald S. Dick (19), High River.....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Stewart (31), Taber.....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), Blairmore.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Andrew Scotland (27), Erskine.....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11).....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
11032 - 85th Avenue, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Earl D. Martin (136), Barons.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frederick C. Casselman (14).....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
10022 - 83rd Avenue, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Charles A. Walker (88).....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
Box 424, High Prairie	
R. W. Bro. Dr. Stanley E. C. Argue (78), Hanna.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond (137), Irricana.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Charles R. Walrod (123), Rockyford.....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Conrad T. Lally (44), Wainwright.....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R. W. Bro. George Moore (23).....	Senior Grand Warden
3206 Vercheres St., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), High Prairie.....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis (23).....	Grand Treasurer
107 - 6th Avenue West, Calgary	
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Albert E. Ottewell (11).....	Grand Registrar
11104 - 85th Avenue, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper (76) Bashaw.....	Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. Wm. S. Park (83).....	Senior Grand Deacon
407 - 6th Avenue West, Calgary	

V. W. Bro. Victor Hessel (22), Okotoks.....	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Wm. S. Kent (117).....	Grand Organist
10014 - 103rd Street, Edmonton	
V. W. Bro. Fred W. Heath (91).....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
10122 - 124th Street, Edmonton	
V. W. Bro. George L. Parney (14).....	Grand Pursuivant
910 McLeod Building, Edmonton	
V. W. Bro. G. Percy Puffer (76), Bashaw.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Albert E. Hollings (45), Alix.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Dr. John K. Mulloy (58), Cardston.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Ernest C. Tregale (61), Provost.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138), Onoway.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Norman O. Jack (71), Colinton.....	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16), Grand Master.....	Olds
President.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), Calgary
Vice-President.....	V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), Calgary
R. W. Bro. A. West (7), Deputy Grand Master.....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deef
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary
*M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).....	Medicine Hat
* W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28).....	Calgary
(*)—Appointed by Grand Master.	

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R. W. Bro. A. West
Vice-President.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore
Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. W. Bro. Dr. Clare C. Hartman (16), Grand Master.....	Olds
Past Grand Masters	
M. W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1).....	Salisbury, Eng.
M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary

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M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Calgary
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In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES



*"To tell the story of a well-spent life
The Mason true builds his own monument;
But not of bronze, nor yet of marble white;
These soon are gone.*

*"A richer life is then his monument,
Which through the ages grander will become,
As it more fully breathes his spirit, and is spent
To help and bless mankind."*

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Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arizona.....	Bridge, George Alexander, P.G.M....	Nov. 18, 1936
Canada.....	Logan, William McGregor, G.S.....	Apr. 1, 1937
Colorado.....	Pickerill, William S., P.G.M.....	June 15, 1936
Czechoslovakia (National).....	Schwarz, L., G.S.....	Dec. 1936
Delaware.....	Hughes, A. Victor, P.G.M.....	July 22, 1936
Indiana.....	Yoe, Harry, P.G.M.....	July 4, 1936
Indiana.....	Kiper, Roscoe, P.G.M.....	Feb. 17, 1937
Indiana.....	West, Jere, P.G.M.....	Mar. 31, 1937
Kansas.....	Brundage, Marion K., P.G.M.....	July 18, 1936
Kentucky.....	Juett, John William, P.G.M.....	Jan. 31, 1937
Iowa.....	Craig, Frederick W., P.G.M.....	Apr. 24, 1937
Maine.....	Davidson, William Stewart, P.G.S.W.....	Aug. 20, 1936
Maine.....	Furbish, Samuel Benson, D.G.M.....	Oct. 24, 1936
Maine.....	Cargill, Gustavus H., P.J.G.W.....	Feb. 12, 1937
Maine.....	Ames, Albert Marion, P.J.G.W.....	Mar. 15, 1937
Maine.....	Shorey, Winfield Scott, P.S.G.W.....	Mar. 28, 1937
Manitoba.....	Bell, Charles Napier, P.G.M.....	Aug. 29, 1936
Manitoba.....	Thornton, Robert Stirton, P.G.M.....	Sept. 17, 1936
Michigan.....	Winsor, Lou Barney, P.G.M., G.S.....	Nov. 8, 1936
Minnesota.....	Swan, Eugene Ellsworth, P.G.M.....	Oct. 17, 1936
Minnesota.....	McKeowan, Eugene Garfield, P.G.M.....	Oct. 20, 1936
Minnesota.....	Fishel, John, G.S.....	Oct. 25, 1936
Mississippi.....	Carter, William Harrison, P.G.M.....	July 27, 1936
Mississippi.....	Yawn, Henry Clay, P.G.M.....	Aug. 3, 1936
Missouri.....	McIntyre, Joseph Shelby, P.G.M.....	June 17, 1936
Montana.....	Day, Edward Cason, P.G.M.....	June 7, 1936
Montana.....	Craven, George Warren, P.G.M.....	July 30, 1936
Montana.....	Monteath, James H., P.G.M.....	Oct. 18, 1936
Montana.....	Hutchinson, Ernest M., P.G.M.....	Dec. 9, 1936
Montana.....	Bell, Charles Sidney, P.G.M.....	Jan. 14, 1937
Nebraska.....	Andrews, Orville A., P.G.M.....	Oct. 16, 1936
Nebraska.....	Wright, John, P.G.M.....	Oct. 29, 1936
Nevada.....	Henderson, V. M., P.G.M., G.S.....	July 11, 1936
New Hampshire.....	Cheney, Harry M., P.G.M., G.S.....	Jan. 1, 1937
Ohio.....	Ransbottom, Frank M., P.G.M.....	Feb. 28, 1937
Saskatchewan.....	Moore, James C., G.T.....	Feb. 19, 1937
Washington.....	Fowler, John Ernest, P.G.M.....	Nov. 15, 1936
West Virginia.....	Frame, Eugene Carl, P.G.M.....	Dec. 25, 1936

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*“Sleep on, Brethren! Sleep and take your rest,
Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until the Lord gathers in His sheaves at last;
Until the twilight gloom be o'erpast.”*

Memorial Pages

To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Fraser, George Lyon.....	Jan. 22, 1936
1.	Bow River.....	Walker, James.....	Mar. 31, 1936
1.	Bow River.....	Freeze, Isaac Sanford.....	May 15, 1936
1.	Bow River.....	Damon, William Nathaniel.....	June 9, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat....	McNichol, Peter Hamilton.....	Feb. 21, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat....	McKinnon, William Duncan.....	Mar. 10, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat....	Ferguson, Frank.....	Mar. 25, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat....	Snowdon, John Davidson.....	May 3, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat....	Ker, John Hackett.....	Nov. 4, 1936
3.	Alberta.....	Buckwell, Edward Leighton....	Aug. 27, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Fox, Thomas Wesley.....	Jan. 5, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Fleetwood, John Henry.....	Feb. 11, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Scott, Hugh.....	May 6, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Raue, Alvin E.....	May 15, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Nimmons, Robert.....	July 6, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Lovering, James Edward.....	Aug. 11, 1936
4.	North Star.....	Beaumont, Joseph.....	Dec. 1, 1936
5.	Cascade.....	Duke, Robert Parker.....	Jan. 27, 1936
5.	Cascade.....	Hill, Louis Alfred.....	Mar. 16, 1936
5.	Cascade.....	Brown, Joseph Robert.....	Sept. 23, 1936
5.	Cascade.....	Wilson, William.....	July 15, 1936
6.	Spitzie.....	Herron, John.....	Aug. 19, 1936
7.	Edmonton.....	Hamilton, John Robert.....	Jan. 18, 1936
7.	Edmonton.....	Millar, August A.....	Sept. 26, 1936
7.	Edmonton.....	Archibald, Arthur.....	Oct. 8, 1936
8.	Innisfail.....	Schaefer, Paul.....	Apr. 8, 1936
8.	Innisfail.....	Clarke, Charles Henry.....	July 25, 1935
9.	Perfection.....	Littlewood, Norman White.....	Feb. 3, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Roberts, Robert John.....	Feb. 7, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Hay, Charles.....	May 4, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Nicholson, George.....	May 20, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Beattie, James Milton.....	May 20, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Flesher, Nicholas J.....	June 27, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Walshaw, John Henry.....	Sept. 15, 1936

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
9.	Perfection.....	Connell, Gordon S. A.....	Sept. 18, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Giles, Harry Marshall.....	Nov. 17, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Robertson, William.....	Dec. 17, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Morrison, Harry Gilmour.....	June 16, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Mortar, John.....	Jan. 19, 1936
11.	Acacia.....	Hunter, Peter.....	Apr. 17, 1936
11.	Acacia.....	Lasell, Dalby A.....	June 29, 1936
11.	Acacia.....	Purvis, Robert Turner.....	Dec. 17, 1936
11.	Acacia.....	Rist, Thomas.....	Oct. 4, 1936
11.	Acacia.....	Tilley, Lionel.....	Nov. 25, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	McCaskill, Archibald McDonald.....	Jan. 23, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Carswell, John Alfred.....	Nov. 12, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Smith, Donald Sidney.....	Oct. 24, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Jackson, William James.....	Apr. 29, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Paul, Lorne Ritchie.....	May 16, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Tucksen, Nis Christensen.....	July 10, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Howard, Albert Edward.....	July 11, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Harrington, Isaac M.....	Nov. 7, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Lindblad, John Gustav Ragnar.....	Dec. 28, 1936
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Maggs, Alfred Ernest.....	Jan. 23, 1936
16.	Mountain View.....	Craig, Cauldwell Gardner.....	June 3, 1936
16.	Mountain View.....	Campbell, Robert Bowman.....	Dec. 22, 1936
17.	Nanton.....	Boulton, Thomas R. C.....	Dec. 26, 1936
19.	Cornerstone.....	Hunt, Joseph.....	May 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone.....	Dobson, William.....	May 10, 1936
19.	Cornerstone.....	Brown, Joseph Harrison.....	Nov. 22, 1936
19.	Cornerstone.....	Gribble, Charles John.....	Dec. 20, 1936
20.	Carstairs.....	Pearson, David.....	May 31, 1936
20.	Carstairs.....	Price, William Bertram.....	Oct. 20, 1936
22.	Corinthian.....	Visser, Anthonie Hendrick.....	Dec. 1, 1936
23.	Calgary.....	Rogers, Henry Hosford.....	Jan. 10, 1936
23.	Calgary.....	Young, Sherwood Matthew.....	Apr. 18, 1936
25.	St. John's.....	Brown, James H.....	July 18, 1936
25.	St. John's.....	Stevenson, Howard R.....	Dec. 18, 1936
26.	Sentinel.....	Henderson, Harold.....	Aug. 27, 1936
26.	Sentinel.....	Delicate, John P.....	Oct. 1, 1936
26.	Sentinel.....	FitzSimmons, Edward T.....	Dec. 8, 1936
27.	Apollo.....	Morton, Clarence Bergner.....	Sept. 1, 1936
27.	Apollo.....	Stevenson, Howard Raymond.....	Dec. 17, 1936
28.	Ashlar.....	Ewers, Archibald W.....	Dec. 29, 1936

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
28.	Ashlar.....	Cornett, Robert A.....	July 4, 1936
29.	Kenilworth.....	Fowler, William Ralph.....	Apr. 11, 1936
30.	Summit.....	Davidson, David.....	Jan. 12, 1936
32.	Cairo.....	Carney, George Horatio.....	June 1, 1936
33.	Stavely.....	Bartlett, Ralph Woodhouse.....	Nov. 8, 1936
35.	Mizpah.....	Sproule, Fred Henry.....	Feb. 25, 1936
38.	Hope.....	Webb, Even Howell.....	Oct. 6, 1936
39.	Lethbridge.....	Glover, Alfred Cecil.....	Mar. 28, 1936
39.	Lethbridge.....	Lynn, Robert Wesley.....	July 8, 1936
40.	Joppa.....	McKenzie, John.....	June 30, 1936
41.	King Solomon.....	Cairns, Thomas.....	Apr. 28, 1936
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Robertson, Robert G.....	June 6, 1936
47.	Chinook.....	Sanderson, William Henry.....	Aug. 17, 1936
50.	Comet.....	Whyte, William Gordon.....	1936
50.	Comet.....	Martin, Percy W.....	1936
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Mill, William.....	May 9, 1936
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Engel, Charles.....	Oct. 19, 1936
55.	Bassano.....	Douglas, Charles Linzee.....	Apr. 28, 1936
56.	Beaver.....	Rutherford, George Lee.....	May 20, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Turnbull, James.....	Mar. 28, 1936
59.	King George.....	MacDonald, Kenneth.....	Mar. 3, 1936
60.	Acme.....	Young, William John.....	May 12, 1936
68.	Edson.....	Candlish, William Stewart.....	Oct. 4, 1936
69.	Connaught.....	Taylor, William.....	Aug. 10, 1936
70.	Quarry.....	Argue, Ernest P.....	Dec. 27, 1935
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Smith, Axel.....	July 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Fowler, Cuthbert.....	Jan. 3, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Stewart, Angus John.....	Apr. 5, 1936
73.	Brooks.....	Anderson, Robert.....	May 13, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Burns, Roy Stanley.....	Oct. 12, 1936
77.	Strathecona.....	Shields, Norman William.....	June 13, 1936
78.	Hanna.....	Johnston, William Henry.....	Dec. 23, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Collins, Herbert B.....	Aug. 15, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Ellis, Sidney Robert P.....	Oct. 25, 1936
83.	Zetland.....	McLean, Howard W.....	June 5, 1936
84.	Champion.....	Roebuck, James Moran.....	July 3, 1936
84.	Champion.....	Gerrard, William Winston.....	Dec. 18, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Prince, Otho.....	Mar. 27, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Honeysett, Hugh K.....	July 12, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Bruce, Alexander.....	Apr. 1, 1936

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87.	Crescent.....	Wilson, John Alexander.....	Dec. 29, 1936
91.	Patricia.....	Ferguson, Charles H.....	Jan. 9, 1936
91.	Patricia.....	Gillespie, Alexander.....	Nov. 12, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan...	Smith, Thomas.....	June 6, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan...	Rigby, Simeon.....	Aug. 23, 1936
93.	Symbol.....	Johnston, Robert J.....	Oct. 10, 1936
96.	Dynamic.....	Stewart, Albert Thomas...	Apr. 12, 1936
98.	Hand Hill.....	Holte, Robert.....	Aug. 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton	Peck, Francis James.....	Feb. 13, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Morris, Herbert E.....	July 21, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Culbertson, Federick A.....	Nov. 14, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	Gault, William Albert.....	Aug. 5, 1936
108.	Pyramid.....	Pierce, William Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
109.	AncientLandmark	Baugh, John Fletcher.....	Aug. 26, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Toby, Leonard Francis.....	Oct. 28, 1936
118.	St. Mark's.....	Pritchard, Herbert Edward..	Sept. 7, 1936
118.	St. Mark's.....	Hansen, Harry.....	Sept. 3, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Foster, Havelock Edwin.....	Apr. 9, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Moore, Horace Edward.....	Nov. 11, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Lloyd, Frank Harrison.....	June 20, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Arnold, John Milton.....	Feb. 20, 1936
128.	Forestburg.....	Forster, Jeremiah, Carr.....	Aug. 16, 1936
135.	Alliance.....	Bates, William North.....	Apr. 6, 1936
136.	Cresset.....	Crow, Ralph R.....	May 22, 1936
138.	Onoway.....	Sunley, Arthur.....	Sept. 1936
138.	Onoway.....	McNabb, Joseph.....	May 3, 1935
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Lodge, Francis George.....	Jan. 15, 1936
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Boyle, John Robert.....	Feb. 14, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Boucher, Humphrey.....	Jan. 16, 1935
150.	Donalda.....	Winter, Ernest Albert.....	Mar. 31, 1936
158.	Berry Creek.....	Fulton, Alexander.....	Oct. 26, 1936
159.	Lucerne.....	Larson, Arthur Clinton.....	May 30, 1936
160.	Sexsmith.....	Harwood, Justus Tony.....	Dec. 18, 1936

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Cain, William I.	June 3, 1936
1.	Bow River	Hopkins, James Evans	June 3, 1936
1.	Bow River	Hill, William	June 3, 1936
1.	Bow River	Nixderff, Charles W.	June 3, 1936
1.	Bow River	Cutting, William Thomas	Dec. 31, 1936
1.	Bow River	Price, Thomas	Dec. 31, 1936
1.	Bow River	Slingsby, William Reginald	Dec. 31, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat	Bray, William E.	Dec. 28, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat	Conrad, William J.	Dec. 28, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat	MacDonald, Thomas F.	Dec. 28, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat	George, Howard W.	Dec. 28, 1936
4.	North Star	Manchester, Ira Vincent	Feb. 10, 1936
4.	North Star	Castle, Norman	Feb. 10, 1936
4.	North Star	Cascadden, Horatio N.	Feb. 10, 1936
4.	North Star	Berry, John William	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Cathro, Aylmer G.	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Carlyle, David Pool	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Farris, Reuben Charles	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Gibson, Christian	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Henderson, William Smith	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Ingram, George Albert	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Jackson, Sidney	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Jaynes, Henry Forrester	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Keel, Louis	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Moore, Hazelton C.	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	MacIntosh, John Allan	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Nelson, William James	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Ripley, William Herbert	Dec. 31, 1936
4.	North Star	Wallace, Hazel Le Roy	Dec. 31, 1936
5.	Cascade	Beedle, Ernest Wm.	Mar. 12, 1936
5.	Cascade	Steen, James	Mar. 12, 1936
5.	Cascade	Scarth, William Monteith	Dec. 31, 1936
5.	Cascade	McLeod, William John	Dec. 31, 1936
5.	Cascade	McWalters, Alfred	Dec. 31, 1936
5.	Cascade	Yeo, Frank	Dec. 31, 1936
6.	Spitzie	Faul, John Bennett	June 2, 1936
6.	Spitzie	Taylor, Hugh L.	June 2, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Christie, Henry Lockart	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Fawns, Thomas W.	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Howatt, Irving B.	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Jackson, Jospeh H.	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Millinship, Edwin Henry	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Wallace, Thomas Wilson	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Webb, Martin Weldon	June 9, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Cook, John	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Gilbert, Freeman L.	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Heeley, William G.	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Murphy, Alfred D.	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	McCallum, Walter	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	McManus, David	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Stewart, Robert Taylor	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Nash, Harry	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Smith, Ralph E.	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Rankin, Alexander	Dec. 31, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Shore, John Potter	Dec. 31, 1936

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7.	Edmonton.....	Roberts, George H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Barber, John James.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Clarke, Chas. Beatty.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Dean, Wm.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Dickson, Wm. Stewart.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Hagerman, Robert Reid.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Johnston, Wm. A.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Lyne, F. Rich.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Maguire, Francis Edward.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Myres, Orlando Martin.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Morton, Alex.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Macleod, W. D. B.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Reid, Harry.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Spencer, Gordon.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Smith, Seth T.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Wilson, Wilfred W.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Weatherlake, Chas. Cecil.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Wilson, Lorne Campbell.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Thorold, Frederick Walter.....	May 19, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Allen, John Anson Lorne.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Clark, Geo. William.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Forster, Frederick Wm.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Hibbs, David John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Jones, Fred.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Morton, Guy.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	McNeill, Fred Francis.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Savage, Samuel Stanley.....	Dec. 31, 1936
9.	Perfection.....	Seetlove, Chas. Frederick.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Hill, James.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Furlong, George D.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Follis, Elsworth O.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	McDowell, Joseph R. D.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Jones, Edgar Alfred.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Smith, William John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Nelles, Robert Hamilton.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Halpin, Charles B. Jr.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Hampson, James.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Grover, Feorge William Thomas.....	Dec. 31, 1936
10.	Eureka.....	Halpin, Charles B. Sr.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Alford, Bertram Pring.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Brown, William Thomas.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Ely, George Foster.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Felming, George Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Hart, John Murray.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Harrison, William Charles.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	James, Richard Reynolds.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Mallabone, James Eustace.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Macdonald, William Lorne.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	McEwan, Frank Andrew.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	McTaggart, George Archibald.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Oldford, John Ellis Caleb.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Parke, Charles Watson.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Patterson, Wilfrid.....	Dec. 31, 1936
12.	Red Deer.....	Smith, Daniel A.....	Dec. 31, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Hansen, Olaf, Alexander.....	June 8, 1936
14.	Jasper.....	Maxey, William Dieppe.....	June 8, 1936
16.	Mountain View.....	Armstrong, Robt. Rae.....	Dec. 31, 1936

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16.	Mountain View	Scott, Frank L.	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Melvin, Walter F.	Feb. 13, 1936
17.	Nanton	Brown, James	May 14, 1936
17.	Nanton	Greig, Wm. John	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Brown, Wm. James	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Donnelly, Walter Sherman	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Langstroth, Alfred C. C.	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Thom, Wm. Joseph	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Baker, Gordon Harold	Dec. 31, 1936
17.	Nanton	Maxwell, Alfred Charles	Dec. 31, 1936
18.	Britannia	Rigby, James	Dec. 31, 1936
18.	Britannia	Hughes, Lomack G.	Dec. 31, 1936
18.	Britannia	Murray Russell Sutherland	Dec. 31, 1936
18.	Britannia	Topper, John Blain	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Bell, David James	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Brocklebank, Wyatt	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Babb, Arthur Robert	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Fox, Samuel Herbert	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Fowler, Alden Samuel Herbert	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Miles, Graydon B.	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Merriam, Richard John	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Orton, John Swafford	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Pirie, James	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Stribling, George Frederick	
		William	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Sanders, William Minno	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Weiss, Benjamin	Dec. 31, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Fowler, William	Dec. 31, 1936
20.	Carstairs	Boyce, Reuben Henry	Jan. 9, 1936
20.	Carstairs	King, Robert Leroy	Jan. 9, 1936
20.	Carstairs	Ing, John Porter	Jan. 9, 1936
20.	Carstairs	McDonald, Alexander Evan	Jan. 9, 1936
20.	Carstairs	Chantz, Wesley	Jan. 9, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Scrutton, John Joseph	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Cressman, Eluid	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Tighe, Harold Richard	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Gertz, Andrew	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Weart, Aylmer John	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Evans, Wilfred Geo.	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Leadbetter, William	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Tesky, William Albert	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Pearson, Edgar Leroy	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Richardson, Harry J.	Dec. 31, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Johnson, Tuxford, Edgar	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Wurstemberger, Francis	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Forrest, Harry	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Martin, William Barsby	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Gallaughier, Henry Humphries	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Macaulay, John	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Dunham, Lloyd	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Phillips, Ruby Carle	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	Staniforth, Harry	Dec. 31, 1936
22.	Corinthian	North, Colin Walter	Dec. 31, 1936
23.	Calgary	Gibson, Robert Alexander	June 5, 1936
23.	Calgary	Chesney, William Hill	Dec. 31, 1936
24.	Vermilion	Brown, Corydon Davidson	Dec. 1, 1936
24.	Vermilion	Hindmarsh, Thomas	Dec. 31, 1936

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24.	Vermilion	McInnis, Norman	Dec. 1, 1936
24.	Vermilion	Scott, Frederick	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Brien, Graham Blythe	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Brown, William Norman	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Cromb, William T.	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Holden, Robert D.	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Jones, Jesse Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1936
25.	St. John's	Skinner, William A.	Dec. 31, 1936
27.	Apollo	Ott, August	Dec. 31, 1936
28.	Ashlar	Hennig, Fred August	Dec. 31, 1936
28.	Ashlar	Lowe, Frank Collingwood	Dec. 31, 1936
28.	Ashlar	Noble, Rueban, George	Dec. 31, 1936
28.	Ashlar	Dowler, Frederick, Albert	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Fleming, William	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Fyfe, Archibald	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	McCann, Thos. Andrew	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Samwell, Charles P.	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Sinclair, Arthur Ralph	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Stackhouse, Fay Leven	Dec. 31, 1936
29.	Kenilworth	Weston, Charles A.	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	MacLeay, Henry Herbert	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Long, Alexander	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Redel, George	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Hill, Howard	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Hantho, John Albert	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Limmerman, James	Dec. 31, 1936
31.	Doric	Wright, Wilson Martin	Dec. 31, 1936
32.	Cairo	Moffatt, James Eric	Apr. 21, 1936
32.	Cairo	Watkins, Frederick William	Apr. 21, 1936
32.	Cairo	Boese, John B.	Apr. 21, 1936
32.	Cairo	Hagerman, John Franklin	May 19, 1936
33.	Stavely	Gordon, James Cook	Apr. 7, 1936
34.	Star of the West	Baylis Mervyn Edward	Dec. 31, 1936
34.	Star of the West	Brown, Ralph Edward	Dec. 31, 1936
34.	Star of the West	Leask, John Alexander	Dec. 31, 1936
34.	Star of the West	Leitch, Leroy Vern	Dec. 31, 1936
37.	Camrose	Kennedy, James B.	Feb. 13, 1936
37.	Camrose	Omond, David M. B.	Feb. 13, 1936
37.	Camrose	Hume, Robert Henry	Feb. 13, 1936
37.	Camrose	Symington, Rev. Thomas A.	Feb. 13, 1936
37.	Camrose	Elliott, Thomas Albert	Feb. 13, 1936
37.	Camrose	Willows, James Farris	Dec. 31, 1936
37.	Camrose	McAfee, Hugh M.	Dec. 31, 1936
38.	Hope	McCauley, David	Dec. 31, 1936
38.	Hope	Hanning, Robert Bruce	Dec. 31, 1936
40.	Joppa	Cumming, David Stanley	Dec. 31, 1936
40.	Joppa	Gustafson, Gust	Dec. 31, 1936
40.	Joppa	Swenson, Ernest L.	Dec. 31, 1936
40.	Joppa	Swenson, John Linden	Dec. 31, 1936
41.	King Solomon	Gillespie, Wilfred E.	Dec. 31, 1936
42.	Bowden	Mitchell, George G.	Feb. 4, 1936
42.	Bowden	Houston, Samuel J.	Dec. 22, 1936
42.	Bowden	Lock, Thomas	Dec. 22, 1936
44.	Buffalo Park	Wilson, Ernest L.	Feb. 5, 1936
44.	Buffalo Park	Adams, Harry	Feb. 5, 1936
44.	Buffalo Park	Mathers, David O.	Feb. 5, 1936
44.	Buffalo Park	Bryan, Reginald Frank	Dec. 31, 1936

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44.	Buffalo Park	Liddle, Ashton	Dec. 31, 1936
46.	Palestine	Murray, John Hamilton	Dec. 16, 1936
46.	Palestine	Duckfield, William James	Dec. 16, 1936
46.	Palestine	Keller, Roy B.	Dec. 16, 1936
47.	Chinook	Mackay, William	Dec. 24, 1936
48.	Crossfield	O'Neil, Garnet H.	Dec. 31, 1936
48.	Crossfield	Vaughn, Walter Rudolph	Dec. 31, 1936
48.	Crossfield	Besker, George	Dec. 31, 1936
48.	Crossfield	Huser, Clarence Frederic	Dec. 31, 1936
48.	Crossfield	Jenkins, William Roy	Dec. 31, 1936
50.	Comet	Adams, Charles K.	Dec. 10, 1936
50.	Comet	Affleck, James W.	Dec. 10, 1936
51.	Unity	Cleveley, Walter William	June 2, 1936
51.	Unity	Morrison, James Frederick	June 2, 1936
51.	Unity	Orser, Bruce R.	June 2, 1936
51.	Unity	Coyle, William James	Dec. 31, 1936
51.	Unity	Kingsbury, John Lee-Roy	Dec. 31, 1936
51.	Unity	Mullen, David Bertram	Dec. 31, 1936
51.	Unity	McColl, Mack Bentley S.	Dec. 31, 1936
51.	Unity	Sutherland Frederick George	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	McKinnon, Benjamin	June 1, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Jones, George H.	June 1, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Laidlaw, Alexander Robert	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Thompson, John	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Dobson, Robert Percival	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Shrimpton, Archibald Douglas	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Anderson, Alfred	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Plasoner, Bendix	Dec. 31, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Taylor, John	Dec. 31, 1936
54.	Mount Lebanon	Freeman, Bertie	May 12, 1936
54.	Mount Lebanon	Kennedy, George Telfer	May 12, 1936
54.	Mount Lebanon	Skow, Frode Pederson	May 12, 1936
54.	Mount Lebanon	Wilkinson, John	May 12, 1936
55.	Bassano	Cawsey, John Nicholson	Dec. 31, 1936
55.	Bassano	Hannah, Edward Leon	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Weir, Robert Earl	May 14, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Sandy, Joseph Henry	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Bauer, William Edward	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Peterson, Peter	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Burns, David J.	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Cutland, Alfred J.	Dec. 31, 1936
57.	Grassy Lake	Fogderud, Lars	Dec. 31, 1936
58.	Chief Mountain	McDonald, Murdock	Dec. 15, 1936
59.	King George	Blyth, Joseph	June 12, 1936
59.	King George	Steonach, David P.	June 12, 1936
59.	King George	Thorn, Frederick S.	Dec. 31, 1936
59.	King George	Henderson, Ralph William	Dec. 31, 1936
59.	King George	Parkinson, Edmund	Dec. 31, 1936
59.	King George	Jewell, Arthur R.	Dec. 31, 1936
59.	King George	Allen, David William	Dec. 31, 1936
60.	Acme	McLennan, J. J.	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	York, William Onus	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	Hamilton, George Lorne	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	Austin, Jeff. Levington	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	Simpson, Leland Joseph	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	Engel, John D.	Dec. 31, 1936
61.	Provost	Lee, Alfred Peter	Dec. 31, 1936

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61.	Provost.....	Richards, Wilfred.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Bannard, Alex William.....	Feb. 17, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Ford, Thomas.....	Feb. 17, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Smith, Archie Garfield.....	Feb. 17, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Whetstone, Sidney William.....	Feb. 17, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Wyllie, Robert Simpson.....	Feb. 17, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Butters, William Craig.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Barclay, James Lornie.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	English, Robert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Fidler, Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Knott, Daniel Kennedy.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Packford, Arthur.....	Dec. 31, 1936
63.	Empire.....	Ward, William Woodruff.....	Dec. 31, 1936
64.	Bow Island.....	Harley, Joseph Eli.....	Dec. 31, 1936
64.	Bow Island.....	Gosslin, Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
65.	Diamond City.....	Thornhill, John Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
65.	Diamond City.....	Walkingshaw, Adam.....	Dec. 31, 1936
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Willey, Harry Jacob.....	Dec. 31, 1936
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Barnes, Ernest W.....	Dec. 31, 1936
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Fawcett, Earle Mason.....	Dec. 31, 1936
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Thomas, Wilbur Leslie.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Coullrey, Frank Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Bastyan, W. H. Gerald.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Wright, Albert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Carter, William.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Wisely, James.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Hamilton, John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Hatton, Thos. John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Linn, George.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Graham, George.....	Dec. 31, 1936
67.	Charity.....	Walker, Charles.....	Dec. 31, 1936
68.	Edson.....	Jamieson, Edward Harmar.....	Feb. 6, 1936
69.	Connaught.....	Kortzman, Charles John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
69.	Connaught.....	Solstad, Elbert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
69.	Connaught.....	Bell, Freeman George.....	Dec. 31, 1936
69.	Connaught.....	Watkins, Frank Allen.....	Dec. 31, 1936
70.	Quarry.....	Barber, Leon.....	Dec. 31, 1936
70.	Quarry.....	Rosin, Israel C.....	Dec. 31, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Main, James Gunn.....	Sept. 3, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Findlay, Wellington Edward.....	Sept. 3, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Sheppard, Percival William.....	Sept. 3, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Cordingley, Mark Percy.....	Dec. 31, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Dunster, George English Barrow.....	Dec. 31, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Phillipy, Glen Laurence.....	Dec. 31, 1936
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Shaw, Hedley Graham.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Bower, Chester A.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Kortgaard, Robert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Leek, Milton Clarence.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Sobey, William Seymour.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Robinson, Joseph Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Campbell, Archibald J.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Dillon, George M.....	Dec. 31, 1936
72.	Coronation.....	Wilson, William Wallace.....	Dec. 31, 1936
74.	Vulcan.....	Sinclair, Donald.....	May 5, 1936
74.	Vulcan.....	Roebuck, William Edward.....	May 5, 1936
74.	Vulcan.....	McIvor, Arthur.....	May 5, 1936
74.	Vulcan.....	Pettman, George Ellsworth.....	May 5, 1936

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75.	Harmony.....	Andrews, Albert George.....	Dec. 21, 1936
75.	Harmony.....	Oakes, James W.....	Dec. 21, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Watson, Harry A.....	Mar. 3, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Cook, John.....	Mar. 3, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Grant, George L.....	Mar. 3, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Ainsley, William G.....	Dec. 30, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Jewel Delbert Marquis.....	Dec. 30, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Handley, Robert.....	Dec. 30, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Dyson, Thomas M.....	Dec. 30, 1936
76.	Fidelity.....	Scott, William W.....	Dec. 30, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Allen, Harry Samuel.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Birch, Frank.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Bissett, David Laidlaw.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Hart, Herbert John Duncan.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Inglis, William Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Madill, John Stewart.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	McFarlane, Wm. Albert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
77.	Strathcona.....	Smith, Andrew.....	Dec. 31, 1936
78.	Hanna.....	Moore, Ernest R.....	Dec. 31, 1936
78.	Hanna.....	Hamilton, Thomas G.....	Dec. 31, 1936
78.	Hanna.....	Neff, William Edmund.....	Dec. 31, 1936
78.	Hanna.....	Stewart, Charles B.....	Dec. 31, 1936
80.	Excelsior.....	Johnston, Wilfred F.....	Dec. 3, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Perring, Robert George.....	Apr. 4, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	McLennan, William.....	Apr. 4, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Thompson, William John.....	Apr. 4, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Stein, Joseph O.....	Apr. 4, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Kerr, Harry Alexander.....	Apr. 4, 1936
81.	Commercial.....	Brown, Alfred Downie.....	Apr. 4, 1936
83.	Zetland.....	Dymock, William Alex.....	Mar. 5, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Laidlaw, William Steele.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Lamond, David.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Crawford, Alex.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	McMillan, Robert D.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Evans, Thomas Oldham.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Granger, Alexander Reid.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Clark, Lawrence Wallace.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Griesbach, Henry Hershall.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Cartwright, Charles Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Moseley, Sydney Howard.....	Dec. 31, 1936
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Taylor, Douglas Ernest Cunliffe.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Shelly, Duncan.....	June 9, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Millard, James Chas.....	June 9, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Magee, William C.....	June 9, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Cavana, Robert A.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Cran, Frank.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Orton, William R.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Robinson, William F.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Colvin, John J.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Henson, Percy H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	McPhail, William.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Sykes, George E.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Russell, Frederick H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Greene, Thomas H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
87.	Crescent.....	Cochrane, Thomas H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
89.	Peace River.....	Desson, Charles A.....	June 4, 1936
89.	Peace River.....	McVety, Harry Cecil.....	June 4, 1936

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89.	Peace River	Fredette, Louis G.	June 4, 1936
90.	Norwood	Ryan, Martin John	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Mode, Allan Thomas	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Orledge, William H. S.	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Knowles, William Ripley	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Entwistle, Clarence	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Hogan Ernest J.	Jan. 14, 1936
90.	Norwood	Wood, Horace J.	Dec. 8, 1936
90.	Norwood	Burgar, Hugh	Dec. 8, 1936
90.	Norwood	Moore, James Septimus	Dec. 8, 1936
91.	Patricia	Chappelle, Walter D.	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Craig, Henry S.	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Esdale, Matthew	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Johnson, Sophus Alvin	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	McCarthy, Timothy F.	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	McLeod, Donald J.	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	McLennan, Malcolm Donald	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	McLuhan, Llewellyn	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Patrick, Andrew	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Pointer, Roy Richard	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Power, Albert Pallister	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Power, William Hugh	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Power, William James	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Smith, Ira Walter	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Smith, Lyman Pinney	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Surry, Frederic Robert	Dec. 18, 1936
91.	Patricia	Truswell, William	Dec. 18, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Clarkson, Daniel	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Davies, William Alfred	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Flintoss, Frank	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Gardiner, Albert Hastings	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Macpherson, Donald	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Wood, Horace James	Dec. 31, 1936
92.	Saskatchewan	Shulman, Edward Jospeh	Dec. 31, 1936
93.	Symbol	Berry, Henry	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	Parham, James Henry Dutton	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	McLeod, Allen	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	Chaukalos, Michel George	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	Woods, Sydney Bowden	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	West, John Sydney	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	White, George Robert	May 14, 1936
93.	Symbol	Charters, Clifford D.	Dec. 31, 1936
93.	Symbol	Moore, Christopher	Dec. 31, 1936
93.	Symbol	Sutherland, George	Dec. 31, 1936
94.	Lamont	Watson, Andrew	Dec. 31, 1936
94.	Lamont	Matheson, Archibald M.	Dec. 31, 1936
94.	Lamont	Conquer, Alexander K.	Dec. 31, 1936
94.	Lamont	Bell, Geo. Allan	Dec. 31, 1936
96.	Dynamic	Wohl, John	Jan. 1, 1936
96.	Dynamic	Honeyball, William Henry	Dec. 31, 1936
96.	Dynamic	Peterson, Lars	Dec. 31, 1936
97.	Albion	Swan, Jeffery	Dec. 31, 1936
98.	Hand Hill	Anderson, Anton	Dec. 28, 1936
98.	Hand Hill	Falconer, Robert A.	Dec. 28, 1936
98.	Hand Hill	Lang Harold B.	Dec. 28, 1936
98.	Hand Hill	McLay, Andrew Robert	Dec. 28, 1936
98.	Hand Hill	McDonald, Kenneth	Dec. 28, 1936

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98.	Hand Hill	Dunlop, Wm. R.	Dec. 28, 1936
100.	Verdigris	Bye, William A.	Mar. 26, 1936
100.	Verdigris	Smith, Dean E.	Apr. 23, 1936
100.	Verdigris	Naldrett, Carl A.	Apr. 23, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Lynn, Henry D.	Dec. 31, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Couper, Axwell J.	Dec. 31, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Anderson, James L.	Dec. 31, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Billings, Paul R.	Dec. 31, 1936
103.	Foremost	Henley, Alton Benjamin	Jan. 1, 1936
104.	Oyen	Anderson, Raymond C.	Dec. 31, 1936
104.	Oyen	Ball, Harry Milton	Dec. 31, 1936
104.	Oyen	Lannon, William	Dec. 31, 1936
104.	Oyen	McQuarrie, Archie M.	Dec. 31, 1936
105.	Grande Prairie	Bousefield, Edgar	June 17, 1936
105.	Grande Prairie	Gard, Augustine	June 17, 1936
105.	Grande Prairie	Poppin, Charles Oscar	June 17, 1936
105.	Grande Prairie	Strachen, John May	June 17, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Jardine, W. Albert	Dec. 31, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Roland, Augustus Joseph Henry	Dec. 31, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Taylor, Richard B.	Dec. 31, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Tilt, Robert B.	Dec. 31, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Hanson, Darre Olaf	Dec. 31, 1936
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Knight, William Russell	Dec. 31, 1936
107.	Carbon	Malton, George W.	Dec. 28, 1936
107.	Carbon	Poole, William J.	Dec. 28, 1936
108.	Pyramid	Lawrence, Alexander S.	Feb. 20, 1936
108.	Pyramid	Crossing, William B.	Feb. 20, 1936
108.	Pyramid	Stanton, Jack Wilmer	Dec. 31, 1936
109.	Ancient Landmark	MacCormack, William Carl	June 3, 1936
109.	Ancient Landmark	Armstrong, Russell Bryden	Dec. 31, 1936
109.	Ancient Landmark	King, Howard Wesley	Dec. 31, 1936
109.	Ancient Landmark	Walton, John Thomas	Dec. 31, 1936
110.	Kilwinning	Code, William G.	Dec. 31, 1936
110.	Kilwinning	Docherty, William S.	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Currie, David F.	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Cramer, Frederick Richard	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Fraser, Laughlin Stewart	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Askew, Oliver Nelson	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Imeson, William Gaines	Dec. 31, 1936
111.	Nobleford	Bickell, John D.	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	McCutcheon, William Orr	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	McCullough, Russell William	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	Weitzel, Joseph Earl	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	Neimen, Edward Paul Martin	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	Pratt, Arthur William	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	Hamilton, William	Dec. 31, 1936
113.	Cyprus	Ellis, William Jr.	Dec. 31, 1936
115.	Crocus	Dawson, Lewis Stephen	Dec. 31, 1936
115.	Crocus	Johnson, Carl Victor	Dec. 31, 1936
115.	Crocus	McPhee, Warren Alvin	Dec. 31, 1936
115.	Crocus	Milligan, James Robert	Dec. 31, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Spittal, John	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Stirling, James H.	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Foster, Pearl J.	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Ramsfield, Andrew	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Garraway, Fank A.	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River	Bramwell, John R.	Dec. 21, 1936

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116.	Spirit River.....	Culshaw, John.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Brady, Frederick W.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Donaldson, William M.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Currie, William D.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Jaynes, Frederick W.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Gallagher, John W.....	Dec. 21, 1936
116.	Spirit River.....	Bodeker, Peter G. B.....	Dec. 21, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Burnett, Ruthesin Roy.....	May 13, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Searle, Edward.....	May 13, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Campbell, Earl Ross.....	May 13, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Page, Orlando Francis.....	May 13, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Pink, Thomas George.....	June 3, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Tyrrell, Russell John.....	June 3, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Spillios, George.....	Dec. 31, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Templeman, Thomas.....	Dec. 31, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Keil, Rowland Fred.....	Dec. 31, 1936
117.	Dominion.....	Blanchett, George Richard.....	Dec. 31, 1936
118.	St. Mark's.....	Pym, Victor.....	Apr. 13, 1936
118.	St. Mark's.....	Woolrich, Frederick.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Holman, Henry Alfred.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Loder, Clifford Harrison.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Crouch, Eric Ramsay.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Playfair, Elijah.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Johnson, Mark.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Maxwell, Albert Walkup.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Murray, John Beattie.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Towell, Percy.....	Dec. 31, 1936
119.	York.....	Hufner, John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
122.	Rising Sun.....	Taylor, George Alexander.....	Dec. 10, 1936
122.	Rising Sun.....	Harvey, Robert Pearce.....	Dec. 10, 1936
122.	Rising Sun.....	Krier, William Edward.....	Dec. 10, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Ferguson, Archie.....	Apr. 4, 1936
124.	Concord.....	McNabb, Joseph R.....	Feb. 1, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Carlyle, Thomas James.....	Feb. 1, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Butler, G. Frank.....	Feb. 1, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Sharpe, Norman V.....	Feb. 1, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Baldwin, George Purdy.....	July 4, 1936
124.	Concord.....	Morley, Roland Davies.....	Dec. 31, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Lampert, Geo. Edward.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Jacobson, Arne.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Collett, Edward C.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Wilson, Wm. G.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Dando, Rupert.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	McDonald, Geo.....	June 4, 1936
125.	Cavell.....	Richmond, Wm. J.....	June 4, 1936
126.	Pembina.....	Harrison, Jonathan.....	June 1, 1936
126.	Pembina.....	Northey, Robert Lyall.....	June 1, 1936
126.	Pembina.....	McKibbin, Hugh.....	June 1, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Montgomery, Walter James.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Bliss, Harold Bertram.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Wilson, Hubert Hill.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Weber, Arthur John.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Clazie, Edward William.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Wayant, Roy Elmer.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Campbell, Colin Howell.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Spence, Patrick Philip.....	Dec. 2, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Segal, Michel.....	Dec. 31, 1936

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127.	Granite.....	Ward, Frank.....	Dec. 31, 1936
127.	Granite.....	Pickup, George.....	Dec. 31, 1936
127.	Granite.....	MacMillan, Harry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
128.	Forestburg.....	Hagen, Julius.....	Dec. 31, 1936
128.	Forestburg.....	Freeman, Joseph.....	Dec. 31, 1936
129.	Meridian.....	McCulla, John W.....	Dec. 31, 1936
129.	Meridian.....	Bamba, Sidney.....	Dec. 31, 1936
130.	Hussar.....	Barker, Perry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
131.	Kitscoty.....	Gaunt, Gilbert.....	Dec. 23, 1936
133.	Manyberries.....	Gilchrist, Chester Hall.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Leighton, Gordon E.....	Apr. 13, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Thompson, William John.....	Apr. 13, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Bury, Walter Allen.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Perkins, William B.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Price, Harvey Stinson.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Richards, David L.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Scratch, Ade C.....	Dec. 31, 1936
134.	Renfrew.....	Willsher, James McBain.....	Dec. 31, 1936
135.	Alliance.....	Miller, Ezra N.....	Dec. 31, 1936
137.	Irricana.....	Mantle, Victor Stewart.....	Apr. 21, 1936
137.	Irricana.....	Swanson, John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
137.	Irricana.....	Turner, John Harold.....	Dec. 31, 1936
137.	Irricana.....	Hudson, William.....	Dec. 31, 1936
138.	Onoway.....	Taylor, James H.....	Dec. 31, 1936
139.	Melrose.....	Christiansen, Halfden.....	Jan. 14, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Richards, Albert Edward.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	McLay, Kenneth Donald.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Wilson, Arthur Lumsden.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	King, Horace Everton.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Brown, Frank Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Olson, Olaf.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Bigelow, Russell John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Cavanaugh, James Perry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Riley, Frederick Robert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	MacPherson, John.....	Dec. 31, 1936
140.	Big Valley.....	Fleshman, Harry Lee.....	Dec. 31, 1936
141.	Efficiency.....	Curry, John Henry.....	Dec. 31, 1936
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Wood, Sydney.....	Mar. 2, 1936
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Greene, William Henry.....	Mar. 2, 1936
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Burges, William Quarrie.....	Mar. 2, 1936
142.	Ivanhoe.....	D'Alton, Robert Patrick.....	Dec. 6, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Morris, Albert.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Duncan, Ninian A.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Coulver, Howard.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Duncan, Charles.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Baker, James.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	Douglas, Thomas.....	Dec. 31, 1936
143.	Jasper Park.....	McConnell, William.....	Dec. 31, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Nadeau, Wilfred G.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Smith, Joseph Wm.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Mitchell, James Alexander.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Welsh, Andrew Harold G.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Baynes, Robert E.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Scales, William.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Sigler, Philip.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Smith, William C.....	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's.....	Beatty, Arthur Allan.....	Dec. 23, 1936

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145.	St. Alban's	Browning, John Selwyn	Dec. 23, 1936
145.	St. Alban's	Thurston, John N. D.	Dec. 23, 1936
147.	Northland	Mathews, Colin A.	Dec. 31, 1936
147.	Northland	Brant, William	Dec. 31, 1936
147.	Northland	MacLachlan, Ivan Douglas	Dec. 31, 1936
147.	Northland	Lander, Sewell Dinsmore	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	Davis, Richard	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	McCallister, William Harrison	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	Pearson, Oscar Barnhead	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	Rudd, Roy Stanley	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	Stockall, William H.	Dec. 31, 1936
148.	Mayerthorpe	Tulloch, George	Dec. 31, 1936
149.	Rosebud	Sangster, John	Dec. 31, 1936
149.	Rosebud	Brunner, Dale William	Dec. 31, 1936
149.	Rosebud	Burtness, Thomas	Dec. 31, 1936
149.	Rosebud	Dunsmore, Chas.	Dec. 31, 1936
149.	Rosebud	Vigor, Edward E.	Dec. 31, 1936
150.	Donalda	Hilde, Gehard	Dec. 31, 1936
150.	Donalda	Hansen, Niels Sams	Dec. 31, 1936
151.	Lochearn	Hutton, John	Dec. 31, 1936
152.	Standard	Fletcher, Duncan Archibald	July 20, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	Jones, Harold Percy	May 11, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	Male, Henry	May 11, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	Storey, Christopher	May 11, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	Wilson, Oliver Wilbur	May 11, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	La Brie, John Michal	Dec. 31, 1936
155.	Earl Haig	Whittaker, Herbert J.	Dec. 31, 1936
157.	Sharon	Brown, Alexander Edward	Dec. 31, 1936
159.	Lucerne	Hall, W. Jay	Dec. 31, 1936

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Bell, William Wilson	Jan. 15, 1936
2.	Medicine Hat	Smith, Charles W.	Sept. 8, 1936
3.	Alberta	McLachlan, James Fraser	Apr. 15, 1936
3.	Alberta	Melross, William Ainslie E.	May 20, 1936
4.	North Star	Gamage, Edwin S.	Sept. 14, 1936
6.	Spitzie	Gilbert, Herbert J.	Oct. 6, 1936
7.	Edmonton	Howatt, Irving B.	Oct. 13, 1936
12.	Red Deer	Backus, Percy Lavern	Feb. 11, 1936
12.	Red Deer	Moore, Frederick B.	Nov. 10, 1936
17.	Nanton	Melvin, Walter Franklin	July 2, 1936
19.	Cornerstone	Caspell, Lindsay Ranside	Dec. 19, 1936
20.	Carstairs	Price, William Bertram	Jan. 9, 1936
21.	King Hiram	Barrons, Ralph	Jan. 14, 1936
23.	Calgary	Gibson, Robert Alexander	Sept. 4, 1936
27.	Apollo	Asmussen, A.	Apr. 1, 1936
33.	Stavely	Angel, Horace Murray	Dec. 1, 1936
38.	Hope	Creighton, Edward	Jan. 1, 1936
38.	Hope	Shunk, Angus L.	Sept. 10, 1936
42.	Bowden	Wilson, William	July 28, 1936
43.	Tuscan	Bonnett, Fred W.	Feb. 5, 1936

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48.	Crossfield	McAdam, James Ewart	Dec. 3, 1936
51.	Unity	Hope, John	Jan. 7, 1936
51.	Unity	Bell, Irving Russell	Feb. 4, 1936
51.	Unity	Alexander, Louis	Sept. 1, 1936
51.	Unity	Auld, Thomas Campbell	Oct. 6, 1936
51.	Unity	Fleming, Peter	Oct. 6, 1936
51.	Unity	Livingstone, Andrew	Oct. 6, 1936
53.	Strathmore	Egeland, Lars Sigurd	Dec. 2, 1936
56.	Beaver	Nicken, Claude Eugene	May 6, 1936
59.	King George	Cunningham, Charles H.	Nov. 7, 1936
77.	Stratheona	Blucke, Charles Hudson	Jan. 10, 1936
91.	Patricia	Taylor, Reginald D.	Dec. 18, 1936
93.	Symbol	Slade, David	June 11, 1936
93.	Symbol	Berry, Henry	Dec. 26, 1936
101.	West Edmonton	Gibb, William	July 1, 1936
120.	Monitor	Fisher, H. Norman	July 9, 1936
122.	Rising Sun	Jones, William Edward	July 6, 1936
123.	Rockyford	Chapman, Victor C.	Dec. 14, 1936
124.	Concord	Butler, G. Frank	Apr. 4, 1936
131.	Kitscoty	Grant, John	May 6, 1936
138.	Onoway	Mathewson, William	Mar. 4, 1936
156.	Hythe	Everton, Benton Ross	Sept. 24, 1936
156.	Hythe	Everton, Ace Ford	Nov. 26, 1936
156.	Hythe	Forbes, Lawrence	June 25, 1936

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No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Row River	F. M. Davies	E. W. Thomas	909-4th Ave. N. W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	Wm. G. O. Rose	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	R. E. Patterson	G. R. Davis	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	Wm. M. Edwards	E. J. Fauch	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	H. Manley	W. E. Ward	Box 70, Banff	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie	W. V. Burns	R. Y. Laidlaw	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	T. R. Edwards	F. Barnhouse	Box 34, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Imperial	C. C. Morkeberg	C. S. A. Watt	Infinit	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection	C. S. Orr	C. S. Evans	102 Bk. Commerce Chhrs., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	L. M. MacDonald	D. F. Chisholm	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	J. D. Swift	A. G. Ayres	11030-81st Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	J. R. S. Hambley	H. Roberts	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	J. H. Kipatrick	H. Sandilands	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper	R. A. MacEachern	Harry G. Smith	Wetaskiwin	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Mountain View	J. W. Boyle	W. H. Burke	Olds	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Nanton	A. Svenson	R. W. McWilliam	Nanton	First Monday in each month.
17.	Britannia	D. Alfrey	J. F. Casteel	Ponoka	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Cornerstone	James Kirby	A. S. Gough	High River	First Thursday in each month.
19.	King Hiram	D. Ward	H. Morgan	Carstairs	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Corinthian	C. A. Archibald	G. C. S. Paterson	Disbury	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	Calgary	H. W. Brown	J. A. McBurney	Ookotska	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Vermilion	J. H. Blackburn	J. W. G. Morrison	915-19th Ave. W., Calgary	First Friday in each month.
23.	St. John's	John Curry	F. W. Laing	Vernillon	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Sentinel	Wm. Jolley	H. O. Westrup	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
25.	Apollo	L. E. Hood	Dr. N. W. Connolly	Hillcrest	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Ashlar	H. E. Macdonnell	J. W. Quinney	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
27.	Kenilworth	H. W. W. Clark	Rev. W. T. H. Cripps	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Summit	G. V. Leach	A. M. W. Cooke	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Doric	Nels Thompson	W. Gidman	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Stavely	R. E. Townsend	G. E. Malchow	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Star of the West	W. E. Hawkins	R. M. Coote	Clareholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Mirphah	J. C. Daniel	A. G. Finch	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Gleichen	J. W. House	T. H. Beach	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
34.	Camrose	C. H. Robinson	F. F. Bailey	Gleichen	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Hope	E. K. Bruce	W. N. Crooks	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
36.	Lethbridge	R. A. Rudd	E. J. Rosier	Manville	Monday, on or before full moon.
37.	Joppa	W. R. Laughton	O. H. Edwardh	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
38.				Granum	Second Thursday in each month.
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41.	King Solomon	G. S. Hope	A. Moore	Cochrane.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Rowden	W. D. Nabet	A. L. Boyd	Rowden.	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Tucan	Wm. Gair	Hayward Smith.	Killam.	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	C. G. Foryan	J. Robinson.	Wainwright.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionio	C. D. Clarke	W. C. Tallman.	Alix.	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palatine	W. E. Eldred	David K. Allan.	Tofield.	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook		A. G. M. Swart.	Cowley.	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	A. D. Currie	S. Willis.	Crossfield.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	A. Lawrence	F. J. Whitmarsh.	Carmangay.	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	M. W. Stuart	F. W. Ingram.	Hardisty.	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity	A. S. Blackie	J. Booth.	9350-107th Ave., Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	L. R. Melvin	W. S. Paterson.	Strathmore.	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	W. E. Male	N. McKechnie.	1413-3rd St. N. W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	H. W. Harper	H. H. Beeber.	Bassano.	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	H. H. Lackey	T. A. Marshall.	Castor.	First Wednesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	H. J. Scott	W. E. McNevin.	Grassy Lake.	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	Wm. Roberts.	Wm. Betts.	P. O. Box 11, Cardston.	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	King George	J. W. Dingle	T. B. Donald.	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary.	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme		E. N. Smith.	Acme.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provoat	C. F. Harford	J. L. Tiffin.	Provoat.	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	J. R. McLeod	N. L. Kvittum.	Bawlf.	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	M. J. Brodie	J. Marthand.	9618-105th St., Edmonton.	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Bow Island	J. W. Proudfoot.	Wm. Hyland.	Bow Island.	Third Monday in each month.
64.	Diamond City	J. McMahon	H. B. Fuller.	Kipp.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
65.	St. Andrew's	W. J. Taylor	D. V. Gilmore.	Trochu.	First Thursday in each month.
66.	Charity	W. M. Martin	Chas. Barrett.	539-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge.	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Edson	Robt. Knox.	F. C. Glover.	P. O. Box 110, Edson.	Second Tuesday in each month.
68.	Connaught	H. R. Brooke	H. B. Collier.	Viking.	Tuesday nearest full moon.
69.	Quarry	J. W. Pickering.	J. R. W. Cean.	Box 242, Redcliff.	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Tawestown	S. C. Ward.	Norman O. Jack.	Colinton.	First Thursday in each month.
71.	Coronation	A. W. Thoroughman.	I. B. Lutz.	Coronation.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72.	Brooks	W. Crooke.	Dr. C. E. Anderson.	Brooks.	First Tuesday in each month.
73.	Brooks	J. Dorch.	D. McAfee.	Vulcan.	First Tuesday in each month.
74.	Harmony	E. Leah.	W. C. Reed.	Sedgewick.	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Fidelity	R. Marshall.	Lynn Wilson.	Bushaw.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Strathcona	John Paterson.	C. C. Neal.	10939-81st Ave., Edmonton.	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Hanza	P. S. Crab.	J. H. Stephens.	Hanna.	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Morning Star	J. E. Adams.	C. P. Rowland.	Loughheed.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Excelsior	W. E. Doble.	H. V. Pluppe.	Box 35, Strone.	First Thursday in each month.
80.	Commercial	J. T. Johansson.	Robt. Cockburn.	10124-125th St., Edmonton.	First Saturday in each month.
81.	Acadia	J. Williams.	I. R. Martin.	Youngstown.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
82.	Zetland	W. W. Upton.	C. R. Cameron.	1312-7th St. N. W., Calgary.	First Thursday in each month.
83.	Champion	W. A. McIntyre.	G. L. Dupue.	Champion.	Second Thursday in each month.
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86.	Rocky Mountain...	P. C. Montalbeti.	J. R. McLeod.	Box 2033, Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent.....	R. C. Stevenson.	M. Currie.	907-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Walupun.....	G. Woodward.	C. A. Walker.	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie.	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River.....	A. E. Cragg.	T. A. Norris.	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood.....	A. E. Brown.	W. Horrocks.	3 Chatham Apts., 10033-107th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia.....	G. J. Kelley.	J. L. Melish.	Box 491, Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan...	W. G. Scott.	E. Hollingworth.	9721-96th St., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol.....	C. Marsh.	L. A. Bennett.	Drumheller.	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont.....	A. H. Bennett.	L. B. Adams.	Lamont.	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener.....	W. G. Budd.	H. N. Taylor.	Rimber.	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic.....	J. A. Richardson.	D. H. Allan.	Holten.	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion.....	H. Hassall.	C. D. Archer.	Chaviv.	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill.....	C. E. Legg.	D. H. Campbell.	Delia.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Verdigris.....	O. J. Hurlburt.	J. A. Campbell.	Milk River.	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	T. J. Chavasse.	F. F. Mitchell.	12843-121st St., Edmonton	First Thursday in each month.
101.	Edgerton.....	M. Severance.	John H. Boylan (Actg.)	Edgerton.	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Koremost.....	C. Stewart.	O. E. Samuelson (Actg.)	Foremost.	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Grande Prairie	T. A. Hassard.	J. O. Patterson.	Oyen.	First Friday in each month.
104.	Lake Saskatoon.	A. Leing.	J. Archer.	Box 1841, Grande Prairie.	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Carbon.....	B. Ramsay.	H. A. Evans.	Warbley.	First Wednesday in each month.
106.	Pyramid.....	E. W. Frost.	H. N. Hanna.	Carbon.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Acrend Landmark	C. C. Cavanaugh.	A. H. Finch.	Mirron.	Third Thursday in each month.
108.	Kilburning.....	R. Hayward.	D. J. Dickson.	Innesfree.	First Wednesday in each month.
109.	Nobleford.....	J. A. Alexander.	E. Rubie.	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford.	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Victory.....	A. Fickus.	W. H. Lindberg.	Box 95, Three Hills.	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Cypress.....	R. Colburn.	W. H. Hare.	Box 95, Three Hills.	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Westlock.....	E. W. Stutchebury.	W. J. McCullough.	Westlock.	First Wednesday in each month.
113.	Croesus.....	W. W. Wilson.	H. J. Resipual.	Ceresia River.	First Thursday in each month.
114.	Spirit River.....	J. W. Webburn.	W. W. Ward.	10298-107th St., Edmonton.	Third Monday in each month.
115.	Dominion.....	D. Burgess.	R. W. Price.	10298-107th St., S.W., Calgary.	Second Wednesday in each month.
116.	St. Mark's.....	S. R. Lavery.	Geo. A. Thompson.	Box 301, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
117.	York.....	J. Spooner.	W. H. Brocklesby.	Monitor.	Second Tuesday in each month.
118.	Monitor.....	A. H. Barnes.	D. Duman.	Gadby.	Second Thursday in each month.
119.	Rising Sun.....	A. H. Erskell.	C. R. Walrod.	Rockyford.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
120.	Concord.....	W. C. McRoberts.	Geo. Hunter.	801-7th Ave. W., Calgary	Fourth Monday in each month.
121.	Cavell.....	A. G. Warren.	M. J. Manning.	Delburne.	First Saturday in each month.
122.	Pembina.....	J. H. Clark.	R. A. Conrad.	Sangudo.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
123.	Granite.....	J. E. Allan.	H. Andrews.	Blackie.	First Monday in each month.
124.	Forestburg.....	L. N. Campbell.	Hans Farviden.	Forestburg.	First Wednesday in each month.
125.	Meridian.....	L. H. Wolfe.	Jas. Malloch.	Stony Plain.	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
126.	Hussar.....	E. L. Johnson.	S. W. Lawrie.	Hussar.	Second Wednesday in each month.

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131.	Kitcooty	I. G. Inglis	Chas. N. Gray	Kitcooty	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craignyle	C. Silvertling	A. W. Read	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	L. S. Hester	H. J. Hargrave	Manyberries	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Ranfurly	A. F. Ferguson	C. S. B. Lat.	239-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	M. McPherson	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Crescent	F. A. Reasbeck	J. A. Gow	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	F. A. Reasbeck	C. E. L. Baker	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	John Reid	D. Wilby	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Metroland	John Reid	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	P. G. Pearson	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Friday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	S. J. Shanks	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Invincible	C. S. Kilgour	M. C. Wright	9908 1/2-115th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Chaparral	F. L. Bryant	H. J. A. Sparkes	P. O. Box 135, Jasper	Third Thursday in each month.
144.	St. Alban's	E. A. Blakley	T. E. Yarr	Irma	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
145.	Northland	N. Slater	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul, Box 107	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	G. H. Parker	V. W. R. B. Ball	Drumheller	Second Wednesday in each month.
147.	Mayerthorpe	David Mackie	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Thursday, on or before full moon.
148.	Rosedale	S. H. Climie	C. C. Hazen	Mayerthorpe	Second Wednesday in each month.
149.	Lochearn	B. M. Parker	W. L. Hymas	Rosedale	Second Monday in each month.
150.	Standard	E. W. Grice	J. W. Dempsey	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
151.	Whitecourt	O. D. Christensen	J. Horne	Whitecourt	Third Monday in each month.
152.	Waskatenuan	J. S. Govenlock	F. A. Wagler	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenuan	First Wednesday in each month.
153.	Earl Haig	R. M. Clark	F. J. Henry	Barhead	Second Monday in each month.
154.	Hythe	T. W. Roberts	A. E. Goode	Hythe	Last Thursday in each month.
155.	Sharon	G. A. Pollock	J. H. McCann	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
156.	Berry Creek	A. B. Norman	Robt. Arthur	Pollockville	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
157.	Lucerne	W. C. Griffith	Hugh H. Forster	Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
158.	Seznamith	E. V. Bergin	Jas. J. Marshall	Seznamith	Second Wednesday in each month.
159.			T. A. Bairbairn		
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1	Bow River.....	215	3	3	3	..	1	3	7	..	4	205	..	10
2	Medicine Hat...	256	4	4	3	1	1	2	4	..	5	251	..	5
3	Alberta.....	83	2	2	2	..	2	3	..	..	1	83	..	..
4	North Star.....	223	3	3	3	2	1	2	18	..	7	202	..	21
5	Cascade.....	155	4	4	4	3	..	4	6	..	4	148	..	7
6	Spitzie.....	66	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	64	..	2
7	Edmonton.....	262	1	1	1	5	1	4	19	..	3	243	..	19
8	Innisfail.....	67	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	64	..	3
9	Perfection.....	368	1	1	1	1	..	7	27	..	10	326	..	42
10	Eureka.....	116	3	4	3	4	..	5	11	..	2	105	..	11
11	Acacia.....	182	4	2	2	1	..	8	..	..	5	174	..	8
12	Red Deer.....	118	2	2	2	1	2	3	15	..	3	102	..	16
13	Victoria.....	51	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	52	1	..
14	Jasper.....	156	3	3	3	..	..	5	2	..	6	146	..	10
15	Wetaskiwin.....	101	1	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	1	101	..	..
16	Mountain View...	61	2	2	2	1	..	..	2	..	2	60	..	1
17	Nanton.....	86	1	1	1	..	1	3	9	..	1	75	..	11
18	Britannia.....	76	2	2	2	2	..	1	4	..	..	75	..	1
19	Cornerstone.....	137	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	..	4	121	..	16
20	Carstairs.....	*38	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	..	2	31	..	7
21	King Hiram.....	79	..	..	..	1	1	3	11	..	..	67	..	12
22	Corinthian.....	154	3	6	6	1	..	3	9	..	1	145	..	9
23	Calgary.....	173	3	1	1	3	1	2	2	..	2	174	1	..
24	Vermilion.....	*101	1	1	1	2	..	6	4	..	..	94	..	7
25	St. John's.....	126	1	..	..	2	..	2	6	..	2	119	..	7
26	Sentinel.....	62	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	58	..	4
27	Apollo.....	98	3	3	3	2	1	6	1	..	2	95	..	3
28	Ashlar.....	168	1	1	1	..	..	1	4	..	2	162	..	6
29	Kenilworth.....	78	3	3	3	2	..	2	7	..	1	73	..	5
30	Summit.....	51	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	52	1	..
31	Doric.....	48	1	1	1	1	..	1	7	..	..	42	..	6
32	Cairo.....	75	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	1	67	..	8
33	Stavely.....	55	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	54	..	1
34	Star of the West..	51	1	1	1	..	..	2	4	..	..	46	..	5
35	Mizpah.....	134	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	134	..	..
36	Gleichen.....	77	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	77	..	..
37	Camrose.....	*102	1	1	1	2	..	3	7	..	..	95	..	7
38	Hope.....	40	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	39	..	1
39	Lethbridge.....	144	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	2	140	..	4
40	Joppa.....	47	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	43	..	4
41	King Solomon...	*38	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	39	1	..
42	Bowden.....	49	1	1	..	2	1	1	3	..	..	49	..	1
43	Tuscan.....	52	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	..	51	..	1
44	Buffalo Park....	*78	..	..	..	1	..	7	5	..	1	66	..	12

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45	Ionic.....	31	3	3	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	39	8	..
46	Palestine.....	55	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	51	..	4
47	Chinook.....	37	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	35	..	2
48	Crossfield.....	54	..	2	4	..	1	4	5	..	..	46	..	8
49	Robert Burns...	32	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	30	..	2
50	Comet.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	24	..	6
51	Unity.....	333	3	3	3	..	6	4	8	..	..	330	..	3
53	Strathmore.....	72	1	1	1	1	1	2	9	..	..	64	..	8
54	Mount Lebanon..	191	5	5	5	..	..	2	4	..	2	188	..	3
55	Bassano.....	62	..	1	2	1	..	4	2	..	1	56	..	6
56	Beaver.....	63	2	3	3	2	1	3	..	..	1	64	1	..
57	Grassy Lake....	36	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	1	29	..	7
58	Chief Mountain..	37	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	1
59	King George....	270	2	2	2	5	1	6	7	..	1	264	..	6
60	Acme.....	*44	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	42	..	2
61	Provost.....	49	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	41	..	8
62	Coal.....	32	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	2	..
63	Empire.....	109	1	2	2	1	..	5	12	..	..	94	..	15
64	Bow Island.....	61	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	58	..	3
65	Diamond City...	43	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	40	..	3
66	St. Andrews....	58	4	4	4	..	..	3	4	..	..	55	..	3
67	Charity.....	73	..	..	..	1	..	3	10	..	..	61	..	12
68	Edson.....	137	4	3	3	2	..	4	1	..	1	137	..	..
69	Connaught.....	37	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	1	1	31	..	6
70	Quarry.....	45	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	42	..	3
71	Tawatinaw.....	44	1	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	1	36	..	8
72	Coronation.....	*88	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	..	2	68	..	20
73	Brooks.....	94	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	1	89	..	5
74	Vulcan.....	*89	1	1	1	1	..	1	4	..	..	86	..	3
75	Harmony.....	34	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	30	..	4
76	Fidelity.....	78	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	1	69	..	9
77	Strathcona.....	159	2	2	2	2	1	5	8	..	1	150	..	9
78	Hanna.....	79	3	3	..	..	..	2	4	..	1	75	..	4
79	Morning Star....	33	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	32	..	1
80	Excelsior.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	23	..	2
81	Commercial.....	169	1	2	3	..	..	6	6	..	2	156	..	13
82	Acadia.....	40	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	38	..	2
83	Zetland.....	219	1	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	217	..	2
84	Champion.....	*42	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	39	..	3
86	Rocky Mountain..	63	1	1	1	..	..	2	11	..	..	51	..	12
87	Crescent.....	215	1	1	1	..	..	1	14	..	4	197	..	18
88	Wahpun.....	39	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	..
89	Peace River.....	67	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	63	..	4

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90	Norwood.....	95	2	2	2			6	9			82		13
91	Patricia.....	*270	2	1	1		1	11	17		2	243		27
92	Saskatchewan...	111	3	4	4			2	7		2	103		8
93	Symbol.....	162	2	2	3		2	7	10		1	148		14
94	Lamont.....	46							4			42		4
95	Kitchener.....	*31				1		1				31		
96	Dynamic.....	39	3	3	3				3		1	38		1
97	Albion.....	36	2	3	4	1		1	1			37	1	
98	Hand Hill.....	46	2					2	6		1	39		7
100	Verdigris.....	56	3	3	2	2		3	3			55		1
101	West Edmonton	106					1	3	4		3	97		9
102	Edgerton.....	21	1					1				21		
103	Foremost.....	40	3	4	4				1			42	2	
104	Oyen.....	40						3	4			33		7
105	Grande Prairie..	81	1	1	1	2		1	4			79		2
106	Lake Saskatoon.	52	1	1	1	1			6		1	47		5
107	Carbon.....	54	4	4	4				2			56	2	
108	Pyramid.....	31	1	1	1			1	3		1	27		4
109	Ancient Landmark....	39	1	1				2	4		1	33		6
110	Kilwinning.....	34	1					2	2			31		3
111	Nobleford.....	26							6			20		6
112	Victory.....	19						1				18		1
113	Cyprus.....	*43	1	1	1			1	7			36		7
114	Westlock.....	60	1	1	1			2				59		1
115	Crocus.....	38			1				4			34		4
116	Spirit River.....	62	1	1	1			5	13			45		17
117	Dominion.....	101	4	4	4	1		4	10		1	91		10
118	St. Mark's.....	105			1	1		6	2		2	96		9
119	York.....	106	1	1	1			3	9			95		11
120	Monitor.....	36					1	1				36		
122	Rising Sun.....	55					1	4	3			49		6
123	Rockyford.....	44	1	2	1	2	1	1				47	3	
124	Concord.....	106	7	6	6	7	1		7		2	112	6	
125	Cavell.....	36						2	7		1	26		10
126	Pembina.....	35				1			3			33		2
127	Granite.....	72	5	3					12		1	64		8
128	Forestburg.....	37						3	2		1	31		6
129	Meridian.....	43	1	1	1	1		1	2			42		1
130	Hussar.....	38						3	1			34		4
131	Kitcoty.....	28				1	1		1			29	1	
132	Craigmyle.....	25										25		
133	Manyberries.....	34	1	2	2				1			34		
134	Renfrew.....	113	1	1	1	2		2	8			106		7

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135	Alliance.....	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	25	..	2
136	Cresset.....	32	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	33	1	..
137	Irricana.....	55	4	4	4	1	..	2	4	..	..	54	..	1
138	Onoway.....	26	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	24	..	2
139	Melrose.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	19	..	6
140	Big Valley.....	47	1	..	..	..	..	3	11	..	..	34	..	13
141	Efficiency.....	34	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	34	..	..
142	Ivanhoe.....	169	2	4	4	1	..	2	4	..	2	164	..	5
143	Jasper Park.....	86	..	..	..	1	..	3	7	..	..	77	..	9
144	Gratton.....	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..
145	St. Alban's.....	56	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	45	..	11
146	Drumheller.....	64	1	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	67	3	..
147	Northland.....	34	1	1	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	31	..	3
148	Mayerthorpe.....	31	..	..	..	2	..	2	6	..	1	24	..	7
149	Rosebud.....	20	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	14	..	6
150	Donalda.....	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	16	..	3
151	Lochearn.....	51	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	51	..	..
152	Standard.....	20	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	19	..	1
153	Whitecourt.....	28	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	29	1	..
154	Waskatenau.....	17	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	1
155	Earl Haig.....	32	2	2	2	1	..	..	6	..	..	29	..	3
156	Hythe.....	22	1	1	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	25	3	..
157	Sharon.....	24	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	24	..	..
158	Berry Creek.....	37	2	2	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	37	..	..
159	Lucerne.....	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	17	..	2
160	Sexsmith.....	24	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	22	..	2
		12148	180	184	178	113	44	318	653	1	147	11366	38	820

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DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine (134)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John A. Bell (35)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. Lester Clarke (21)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden (128)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance.
No. 139	Melrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. S. Dick (19)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alex. Stewart (31)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Scotland (27)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Monitor
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda.....	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. D. Martin (136)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. A. Walker (88)

No. 88	Wahpun	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. E. C. Argue (78)

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond (137)

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. R. Walrod (123)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. T. Lally (44)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

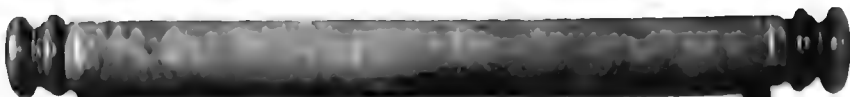
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
32. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
33. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

34. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
- Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
39. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
40. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?
Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.
43. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings 1936.
44. Question: What is the standing of a brother who has been installed Worshipful Master of a lodge and who has only occupied the Master's chair for a period of six months?
Answer: His rank is an Installed Master and as such can at the request of the Senior Warden, occupy the Master's chair and confer degrees, but this in no way constitutes a fulfillment of the constitutional requirements to rank as a Past Master, nor is he more than Acting Master. Proceedings, 1937.
45. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
47. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
48. Question: Can the regular business of a lodge be conducted at a meeting called for the celebration of the Feast of St. John and the Installation of officers?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.



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upon the completion of two hundred years of successful and important work as a Grand Lodge of Masons.

It is not for me to say the centenary is but the marking of a second milestone in continued progress and prosperity of your Grand Lodge and its daughter lodges, wherever situated.

It is not for me to say the Grand Lodge of the Woodworkers of Scotland, and the young Grand Lodge of Alberta gladly acknowledge the debt it owes to its members of Scottish ancestry, for such success as it may have had in the establishment.

May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you strength to endure and wisdom to guide you and every happiness in the years to come.



Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Alberta this 2nd day of November A.C. 1930 201910

W. G. G. G.
Grand Secretary Grand Master



Text of Address presented by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Grand Master, to the Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, H.R.H. The Duke of York (now H.M. King George VI) on the occasion of his Installation at the Bi-Centenary Celebration of that Grand Lodge

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Dated at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, this
2nd day of November, A.L. 5936, A.D. 1936

V. H. MACAULAY,
Grand Master.

Attest:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary.

SOME OF THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE SCOTTISH BI-CENTENARY

By M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Grand Master

Almost a solid week of interesting social and sight-seeing activities, in addition to the unique Bi-Centenary celebration at Edinburgh, Scotland, made the occasion most memorable for the guests.

On the Saturday evening of our arrival, November 28th, a reception and banquet was held, when an opportunity was afforded of meeting many of the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and their ladies, and of course gaining the acquaintance of other guests. The colorful garb of highland costume, optional to evening dress, was in evidence at this and subsequent similar affairs.

An impressive Divine Service, held in ancient historic St. Giles Cathedral on Sunday afternoon was attended by some 3,500 Scottish Masons and guests. In this self same edifice the Venerable John Knox rose to heights of religious fervor and fame.

Monday, of course, was dedicated to the great Bi-Centenary celebrations described in my address to Grand Lodge, culminating in a banquet given by H.R.H. The Duke of York, to whom we were individually presented. The banquet was held in the old banqueting hall of Edinburgh Castle, where no civil banquet had been held for over 200 years. Plated and chain armor of mediaeval days adorned the ancient walls.

Tuesday morning the guests were shown through the castle, the National Memorial Shrine and Holyrood Palace. Limitations of space preclude description, but the historic relics and tapestries of Holyrood are magnificent.

The Corporation of Edinburgh and Lord Provost Gumley were luncheon hosts when we were again presented to H.R.H. The Duke of York and also met the civic officials.

A tour in the afternoon took us out to Linlithgow Palace, birth place of Mary Queen of Scots.

A Charity theatre party in the evening entertained us, the Royal Box being occupied by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of York.

We were taken on Wednesday for a tour of the Border and Sir Walter Scott country, visiting Dryburgh and Melrose Abbeys. In the evening the guests attended lodge, dividing themselves between Mary's Chapel Lodge and Cannongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2. I went to Mary's Chapel and saw the Entered Apprentice degree conferred. Many things captured one's interest there, among others the old minute book with entries from 1599, the Volume of the Sacred Law presented to the lodge in 1589, old usages and customs in the degree and not least the hospitality which left nothing to be desired.

The next day we were taken to Stirling Castle and shown over the fortress which has left its mark upon world history. The Earl of

Elgin from there personally escorted us to Dunfermline, where the St. John's Lodge were our splendid luncheon hosts.

In the afternoon we were privileged to witness the Earl of Elgin, Provincial Grand Master of Fife lay the corner stone of a new High School sponsored by the great Carnegie Trust, which has done so much for this ancestral home of the late philanthropist. Then we went to Broomhall, estate of the Earl and Lady Elgin, where we were tea guests, and opportunity was afforded us of seeing some of the finest Grecian marbles retrieved from destruction at the hands of Turkish soldiers by the Earl's grandfather, who presented the famous Elgin Marbles to the British Museum.

The concluding day of our entertainment we were left to our own resources until the evening, when the farewell banquet was held, presided over by Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, substitute Grand Master Mason. Through several spokesmen the guests expressed their deep appreciation for the hospitality and kindness which had been overwhelmingly heaped upon us since our arrival. The Scottish brethren were good enough to sing for us that old ballad "Will ye no come back again," and each guest determined that he would some day come back again and spend more time among such a kindly disposed race of people, who dwell in a land of superb beauty, rich in historic background.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of that Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodges while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REPORT
of the
COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
A. M. Mitchell. P.G.M.. *Chairman*

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Chairman of your Committee again wishes to express his cordial thanks to the members of the Committee who have so painstakingly and ungrudgingly performed the service of reviewing the Proceedings of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The brethren who make this section of our Proceedings possible are:

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland

The best note in a general view of Proceedings for the year is that of hope and optimism. Almost all Jurisdictions report membership improvement and while increases in numbers are few and far between there is no doubt that the tide of loss has been definitely stemmed and prospects very much brighter than they have been for several years.

Financially most of the Jurisdictions are able to report marked improvement and this can only be interpreted as a most hopeful indication of returning prosperity masonically and otherwise.

In general the Proceedings reveal nothing new. Jurisdictions every where endeavor to interpret the ideal in active fashion and while one of liberal tendency may suggest the American application of the Masonic ideal as inclined to confine itself within conservative if not narrow landmarks, that must be a matter of personal opinion open to difference and debate.

Abroad, the outstanding event was the celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the elevation of the Duke of York to the Grand Mastership of Scotland, almost immediately relinquished when the Duke became King George VI.

The Spanish situation is referred to sympathetically on occasion as is continued persecution of Freemasons in other countries.

The reviews are again necessarily brief but again your Committee recommends their perusal to the brethren as information on Masonic activity elsewhere and as provocative material for profitable discussion among Masons.

A list of the Proceedings reviewed appears at the end of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED
FOR 1936

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| 1. Alabama | 29. New Jersey |
| 2. Arizona | 30. New Mexico |
| 3. British Columbia | 31. New York |
| 4. California | 32. New South Wales (1934-5-6) |
| 5. Canada in Ontario | 33. North Carolina |
| 6. Colorado | 34. North Dakota |
| 7. Delaware | 35. Nova Scotia |
| 8. Dist. of Columbia | 36. Ohio |
| 9. England | 37. Oklahoma |
| 10. Georgia | 38. Oregon |
| 11. Illinois | 39. Pennsylvania |
| 12. Indiana | 40. Philippine Islands |
| 13. Iowa | 41. Prince Edward Island |
| 14. Ireland | 42. Quebec |
| 15. Kansas | 43. Saskatchewan |
| 16. Kentucky | 44. Scotland |
| 17. Louisiana | 45. South Australia |
| 18. Maine | 46. South Carolina |
| 19. Manitoba | 47. South Dakota |
| 20. Maryland | 48. Tennessee |
| 21. Michigan | 49. Texas |
| 22. Minnesota | 50. Vermont |
| 23. Mississippi | 51. Virginia |
| 24. Montana | 52. Washington |
| 25. Nebraska | 53. Western Australia |
| 26. Nevada | 54. West Virginia |
| 27. New Brunswick (1935) | 55. Wisconsin |
| 28. New Hampshire | 56. Wyoming |

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Coke S. Wright, Grand Master. Alberta's Grand Representative was not present and forfeited his commission via the three year absentee clause.

There has been difficulty for years in Alabama through the lodges collecting their dues at a period some time removed from that on which they have to remit Grand Lodge per capita and then finding themselves "short" and forcing Grand Lodge to wait. This situation has necessitated borrowing money to pay Grand Lodge bills in the meantime. Some years ago a law was passed requiring Secretaries to set up a separate account into which was paid Grand Lodge per capita as it was received in the form of dues; but despite this there was no change. Last year the Grand Master got vexed and wrote a letter to Worshipful Masters ordering them to get busy and see that edict No. 393 was observed. He reports that it helped as Grand Lodge had to borrow only \$8,000.00. The amount still seems far too much for us.

An unexplained item refers to a certain lodge whose dispensation ended "as their lost charter had been found." Charters in this country were not always framed and hung on the wall. That idea must have come with the age of chromos and tin-types. Reading Robertson's work on the early history of Freemasonry in Canada one find frequently mentioned the lodge "box." In this was kept the charter, lodge funds (no banks to curse in those days) the "furniture and jewels." In the Old Land charters are kept in a small box designed for the purpose.

The Grand Master sanctioned the circulation of a "begging letter" by a lodge which had lost its hall by fire. The only stipulation was not more than \$2.50 be asked from any lodge. Very few jurisdictions countenance such things any more.

On account of illness in the Grand Master's family he was unable to visit outside Alabama. However, he was fortunate to have the Grand Master of Florida with him at Grand Lodge.

Among the findings of the Jurisprudence Committee: Approval—"That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit no payment of dues and fees by any lodge to the payment of current years' dues and fees until arrears are paid in full." Disapproval—"That lodges establish a minimum annual dues of \$3.00 in order that more funds may be available for local charity and relief." We do not understand this. Surely there cannot be lodges charging less than \$3.00 now!

Alabama re-elects her officers for a second term of one year and thus Grand Master Wright carries on again.

Membership, 28,184. Loss, 427. Lodges, 470.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Fifty-fourth Annual Communication held at Phoenix, March 11th, 1936. M. W. Bro. Everett Hunter McEachern, Grand Master.

Lodges 39. Membership 5,700. Loss 192;

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was a distinguished visitor.

We heartily congratulate Grand Master McEachern for speaking out as he does regarding the twin devils of Communism and Fascism which presently afflict our world. He is one of the very few who have spoken at any length of the Masonic viewpoint and yet presumably Masonry is universal.

"Masonry is again coming into its own, and I believe this is particularly true regarding our jurisdiction," says the Grand Master, and again, "It is encouraging to note that the lodges of this jurisdiction, as indicated by their individual members, are all doing a praiseworthy job of beating down this now well known and publicised depression, and setting themselves for a renewal of Masonic activity and spiritual growth in the immediate future." "Our financial condition is sound and the various departments are in healthy, even robust condition."

No grievances were brought to the attention of the Grand Master—a happy condition.

A new Lodge—Grand Canyon No. 40 was constituted by the Grand Master personally.

No official decisions were called for.

The Grand Lecturer reports "a marked improvement during the past year" in ritualistic presentation.

Arizona Masons take a deep interest in the work of the public schools and the report of the Special Committee on Public School Week indicates they are alive to their responsibilities.

The Committee on Masonic Education interjects a highly pertinent remark—"After all is said and done, the duty to arouse the members of a lodge to a state of enthusiastic interest in Masonry lies with the leaders of that lodge, those honored with office, if you please. The Grand Lodge can only encourage and periodically call attention to the need of arousing this interest."

The Annual oration is brief and deals with the Masonic outlook for youth. The author, Wor. Bro. Arthur C. Taylor, quotes with telling effect a thought which frequently occurs to the present writer as a Reviewer of some years standing:

"Most everything that could be said has been said, but very little has been done."

In the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence Alberta receives more than generous mention, extensive reference being made to the career of our M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes.

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication to be held at Globe March 10th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—James R. Malott, Globe.
R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A. M. M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Nanaimo on 18th June, 1936, M. W. Bro. Derby, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta's representative did not answer the rollcall.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho were visitors at the meeting.

Grand Lodge was addressed by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Henderson, who used the subject "Making a New World." An arresting topic, handled in masterly fashion and herewith recommended to the perusal and thoughtful contemplation of all Masons. We must quote one paragraph:

"Democracy has given us a new world. We are in a world in which we do not follow blindly the dictates of those above us. Each individual has something to say as to how he shall be governed. Democracy has given us a world in which, to a degree, dwell liberty, equality and fraternity. But a new world in which dwell democracy will not save us. Democracy is capable of being used by unprincipled men to perpetuate crimes as horrible as under the most autocratic systems.

"Give men freedom to act, what will it mean, liberty or license? Give them opportunities for self expression, what will they express? Will they use it or abuse it? The choice made will be largely determined by character. Democracy without character is peril."

Pregnant words in a day when the ugly head of dictatorship appears in our land. Only "character" can prevent its further progress.

The Grand Master's address is worthy of close attention. The picture of Masonry in British Columbia is drawn in broad outline. The story of his term of office indicates a year of sensible activity prompted by a realization of the responsibilities of his position.

Due notice and appropriate action was taken of the passing of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

The Grand Master felt that outlying lodges should be visited and he put his idea into effect as far as was humanly possible:

We particularly enjoyed the following:

"There are those who mistakenly speak of 'modernizing' or 'bringing-up-to-date' Freemasonry. To those I have endeavoured to point out that the Fundamental Principles of Freemasonry are just as necessary today as ever and that it is not any change in Freemasonry that is needed but Freemasons who need to lay greater stress on and practice more in their daily lives those great principles which distinguish our beloved Order from the other Societies or Orders."

To all of which we say a fervent Amen.

As usual an International meeting was held in Vancouver at which the Grand Masters of Oregon and Washington were present. We still have pleasant recollections of the meeting we attended in 1933.

The Grand Master attended three different meetings in the State of Washington

It is with deep personal regret that we learn of the passing of M. W. Bro. Henderson who was initiated in Bow River Lodge, Calgary, in 1884, and who was elected Grand Master of British Columbia in 1933. We recall with genuine pleasure his kindly genial presence and sincerely mourn his loss.

The Grand Master has this to say of benevolence:

"I feel too, that I must impress on the individual Freemason, that it is not expected that he will neglect his personal duties in so far as benevolence is concerned, expecting his Lodge or Grand Lodge to relieve him of his responsibilities to his Brother. Your Lodge should only be appealed to after you have done your own duty to the limit of your ability and your Lodge likewise should not appeal to Grand Lodge without first doing its duty."

The Grand Master felt constrained to address a letter to all lodges pointing out the danger of recognizing other organizations. While the whole facts are not disclosed it could be inferred that difficulties had been encountered with organizations which required that applicants be Masons. Such a warning and advice is timely and wise.

The Grand Secretary reports three dispensations for new lodges at Trail, Oliver and Dawson Creek and charters have been granted to the lodges at Trail and Oliver.

Net loss of membership for the year is 316.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are full of interest and indicate duty well and ably done. From District No. 12 comes a report of an officer of Omineca Lodge at Smithers who travels 45 miles to attend lodge and of four members who travelled 90 miles to attend the meeting when the D.D.G.M. paid his official visit.

From District No. 13 we hear that some of the lodges are spending large sums each year in relief.

The report of the Grand Historian is a most interesting document and contains a report of the early days of Yukon Lodge No. 45. The first Masonic Meeting, which was of a purely social nature, was held in June, 1898. A dispensation for the formation of a lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on 15th October, 1898, but for some unknown reason it was not acted upon. The dispensation which was acted upon was granted in June, 1900, and the lodge was instituted in December, 1900.

The Board of Benevolence properly points out that our Order is not a "benefit society." The sum of \$11,137.85 was expended.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. DeWolf Smith, was presented with "a magnificent sterling silver tray suitably inscribed with his name and other particulars." We know this gesture would meet with the hearty approbation of all the British Columbia brethren.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends that applications may be received from ex-service men otherwise qualified, but with a physical disability suffered in the War. The recommendation is to continue in force for three years. We still can see no difference between one maimed in the Great War and one maimed in the stern battle of life. The recommendation was adopted after "considerable discussion."

The committee on Masonic Education and research reported progress.

The Proceedings contain fine cuts of the exterior and interior of the New Masonic Temple at Vernon.

In the report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Alberta's proceedings for 1935 are extensively and kindly reviewed.

G. M. B.

CALIFORNIA

Eighty-seventh Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Earl Warren.

To be Grand Master of California is to assume a tremendous burden giving direction to 582 lodges and 128,000 Masons. M. W. Bro. Warren seems to have done a good job of it. He found that larger understanding among members of the Craft which obviates that which occurs so often in profane life even among well intentioned men owing to the frailties of human nature and the possibilities of error. Like many another Grand Master he threw the weight of his official visits as fully as possible in the direction of the smaller non-metropolitan lodges, for he says that Masonry would mean very little in any jurisdiction if it were confined to the large cities. Surprise came to Bro. Warren at the small number of instances in which they come in contact with other jurisdictions and it caused him to do some wondering as to whether a mistake had been made in failing to keep up their Masonic Correspondence, thereby limiting their Masonic horizon. His recommendation to resume printing a Review of Foreign Correspondence was heartily adopted.

Gambling devices to raise money for Masonic purposes was a hardy annual again, but this time something was done about it. A constitutional amendment was adopted citing as a Masonic offence gambling by Master Masons in lodges or on behalf of Masonry or in institutions connected with Masonry.

Hear this on the other hardy annual, the Eighteenth Amendment and its effect on Masonry. "After the repeal of the eighteenth amendment the people of this state turned over the control of the liquor traffic to the Board of Equalization and provided that there should be no saloons. If there are no saloons there are probably no bar-tenders. We are of the opinion that cocktail lounges and cocktail bars and other doggeries, no matter how euphonious their names, are nothing more or less than saloons and that the only difference between the new saloon and the old saloon is that men sometimes find difficulty in getting a place at the bar because of the women customers." Grand Lodge did nothing about the eligibility of bartenders as state legislation was pending to clear up the entire liquor situation.

Speaking of "Our Country" anyone is always excused for waxing enthusiastic. So the Grand Master shall not be overly questioned on his remark about "the government which has brought more opportunity and happiness to the under-privileged of the world than all others combined." Anyway who should ever be weary in well doing?

Every trustee board committed with the responsibility of administering investment funds will sympathize with California when they finally waived their rights and handed over to the New York investment service (for a fee) the responsibility of making and changing investments.

Clandestine Masonry pervades California, more so than anywhere else we believe. Returning prosperity has caused the weeds in the garden of human relations to grow again, and so the Clandestines, Mexicano, Filipino, Negro, Co-Masonic (female) and White varieties, are all included in the report on that subject.

A resolution calling for militant action by Masonry against such "isms" as Fascism, Nazism and Communism was defeated. Placing a time limit on limits and requiring the re-taking of the degrees on the expiry was turned down.

Membership, 127,728. Loss, 1,598.

M. W. Grand Master, Rollie W. Miller.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John Whicher.

V.H.M.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held in Toronto on 15th July, 1936, presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson; Alberta's representative answered the roll call.

R. W. Bro. Wadsworth, representing the Mayor of the City extended to Grand Lodge an address of welcome in which philosophy, advice and optimism all combined to make the assembled company realize that they were members of no mean organization.

The speaker asked the question:

"Is it too much to expect that the influence and precept of Freemasonry should ultimately banish the difficulties, that unfortunately beset the nations of the world and retard that mutual understanding and respect, without which international peace cannot be assured."

The obvious answer is NO, but when that happy time will come will depend on the proportion of our members who are Freemasons and the number who are mere "joiners."

The speaker goes on to say, "Masonry is confronted with a noble opportunity to save the world from the subservient factors that are tending to bring about the destruction of our civilization."

If all our five million odd Masons throughout the world could be awakened to a realization that, if they would, they could be the "leaven which leaveneth the whole" that ideal might be attained. There is no more bitter reflection than that of opportunity lost. Is that reflection going to be ours?

Many distinguished guests were in attendance from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New York, Michigan and England.

W. Bro. Rt. Rev. Bishop W. C. White delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Master and Masters of Lodges of the Four Toronto Masonic Districts.

We, in Alberta, had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and hearing the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario at our meeting in Edmonton in June, 1936. His address measures up to that foretaste which we so much enjoyed and appreciated.

Timely sympathetic reference is made to the passing of His Majesty King George the Fifth. The telegram of condolence to his Successor and the reply received are reproduced in the address.

The use of lodge notices as advertising media is soundly condemned and the use of slang in such notices deprecated. The Grand Master comments: "They lack good taste, dignity and a proper appreciation of what is the aim and purposes of Freemasonry." To all of which we most heartily subscribe. On the other hand the Grand Master finds that Lodge Summonses indicate that Lodges are now using their time in Masonic talks, discussions and debates. One Secretary indeed utilized the business page of the notice for an appropriate and timely quotation from Ruskin. Here is an idea which might well be generally adopted. The whole realm of literature abounds in choice passages unknown to the average man. What better place to spread them than on the lodge notice.

The following is worthy of special mention:

"When a special speaker or an important Masonic officer is scheduled to speak, deference should be shown to him. His address should not be delayed to an hour or time when the listeners have become wearied and bored with some other form of entertainment (which sometimes is not entertainment) and are restless or gradually leaving."

Having had this experience personally quite a number of times we can only pronounce a most fervent, "Hear. Hear."

The Toast to "The King and the Craft" is dealt with and the Grand Master quotes with approval the announcement of the Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England that "this Toast has been drunk continuously by the Brethren since the early days of the 18th century and there is even a report that it was drunk by the Scottish Brethren as far back as the reign of King James the First, about the year 1430." Precedent is binding upon us and the foregoing settles the matter for all time.

The Grand Master deals at length with the subject of Masonic Education. He points out the different methods used in his jurisdiction. The work appears to proceed upon lines similar to those in Alberta.

In dealing with benevolent relief the Grand Master refers to an aspect of this work which we hear echoed in many jurisdictions, namely that members of the Order express great surprise when they learn of the activities of Boards of Benevolence. He expressed the view that Boards should submit a comprehensive report to the lodges. With this we agree, but it also seems to us that if the Masters of Lodges would obey the admonition in the title page of Grand Lodge Proceedings "ordered to be read in all lodges" it would not be necessary for special reports to be made. Almost the whole story is told in the Proceedings and short supplementary reports should be sufficient.

Sound advice is given on the sometimes difficult problem of new members. The general principles are reviewed and restated and the responsibilities of the sponsors, the board of trial, the lodge itself and finally the Masters are clearly enunciated and finally,

"Freemasonry is not a missionary body seeking to add to its membership those who would be regenerated by being admitted within the fold, nor is it a financial institution for benevolent or other purposes, looking to additions to its ranks for the building up of its finances. The quality of membership is the first responsibility; increase of membership and finances are only incidental thereto."

The Grand Master had a busy year of visitations; New York, Quebec, Massachusetts, Alberta, Saskatchewan and many districts and individual lodges in Ontario.

The Grand Master devotes much space to the ever present and perplexing problem of non-payment of dues. His view is that after a lapse of one year the Master or better still a committee should interview the delinquent, not for the business activity of collecting a debt but for the fraternal purpose of ascertaining the reason for default and remedying the cause if possible. In case of failure the committee should suggest the taking of a dimit. The whole subject is sympathetically reviewed.

Under the caption, "Is Masonry Up-to-Date", the Grand Master says:

"There is no clamoring for an up-to-date Milton or a modern Shakespeare. There is no more need nor cause for clamoring for an up-to-date Freemasonry. Its lessons are deep-rooted and always fresh and invigorating. Ignorance of those principles or a mental laziness and an indifference to study them causes some to ask for something new."

So Mote it be.

The suggestion is made that all lodges should prepare a census of their unemployed members and that an effort be made to assist those members by providing them with work where possible. One difficulty faced by our many and diversified governments in Canada is the lack of a proper census of unemployed. The Grand Master's suggestion seems to be sound and meritorious.

A very sane, practical and readable address ends on a high note worthy of reproduction in every review of the Proceedings of Canada in Ontario.

"The public mind today is very disturbed and unsettled. In such conditions extreme positions are apt to be taken and stressed. Intolerance in word and action is altogether too frequently shown. There exists a very strong disposition to forsake the old and well-settled for the new and experimental. Masonry's progress from its inception to the present has been made by evolution, not by revolution. While we living in the present must look to the future not only for our own welfare but for that of generations to follow us, yet we must view the conditions as we now find them, and direct our thoughts and acts in such a way as will enable us in this age to add to the rich accumulations of the past, and to feel that we have followed the Divine decree in making proper use of the privileges and opportunities vouchsafed to us."

The reports of the thirty-five D.D.G.M.'s are reproduced in full and while much of the content is of a purely local nature, the reports indicate a healthy condition throughout the whole jurisdiction. There are a few matters on which comment may well be made.

The D.D.G.M. of Grey District refers to his district being ninety miles long and twenty-five miles wide and expressed the hope that the committee on distribution will not overlook the fact. Our Masonic District No. 2, in which this reviewer resides, geographically is 165 miles long and 65 miles wide, so that Grey district is still quite diminutive.

In the report of Nipissing District East we read of Masters and Secretaries who drive 25 to 30 miles to attend lodge and where "the enthusiasm of the brethren is maintained at a surprisingly high level." The same D.D.G.M. has something to say of N. P. D.

"The time surely has arrived to make more Masons but fewer members, to show such nice discrimination in our selection of candidates that those who join the Order will value their membership and not be careless about the matter of dues."

And again:

"Why is this enthusiasm not maintained? The answer is not far to seek. Those of us who are called to positions of leadership fail to measure up to our responsibilities."

There is much truth in these two trenchant sentences.

The D.D.G.M. of St. Thomas District mentions the necessity for businesslike lodge financing; the formation of funds built up from initiation fees to provide income for the future. We ourselves have consistently advocated this policy.

Opening lodge on time and closing at a respectable time is stressed by the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District B. He mentions that if this were done we would no longer hear the apologetic phrase "owing to the lateness of the hour." Those who are actively engaged in the running of the lodge may not notice the flight of time, but late nights drive the side bencher away and finally he stays away for good.

Toronto District D held a Christmas party in Loews Downtown Theatre. An audience of 2000 children and parents attended and the surprising statement is made that "many of the children had never seen a moving picture before."

On the question of N.P.D. the D.D.G.M. of Wellington District says:

"Two years in arrears of dues should constitute the 'Dead Line.' Beyond that time, the Constitution should call for automatic suspension, unless the brother makes an appeal to the benevolent committee of the lodge."

We in Alberta have enacted such a provision in our new Constitution and we find that secretaries generally have welcomed the change.

From the report of the Western District we notice that M. W. Bro. Rowland is still a "tramp," still telling of his trip to the dedication of the Temple in London. The writer likewise, but the appreciation of the audiences makes the effort worth while.

Mention is made of a member who walked twenty miles to lodge on two occasions when the roads were impassable. Such an item should receive wide publicity.

Financial statements of Grand Lodge show the total assets of Grand Lodge to be \$854,125.04 all invested in Trustee Securities. The total amount expended in Benevolence was \$243,282.24. Over two thousand cases were assisted by Grand Lodge Benevolent committees.

The report of the committee on the Condition of Masonry presented by R. W. Bro. Alexander is a lengthy, comprehensive, analytical document. Two extracts:

"Members are beginning to realize that there is more in Masonry than simply the opening and closing of the lodge, the reciting of a ritual, and the conferring of degrees, no matter how impressively and effectively this may be done?"

And again:

"As one looks out upon this restless, storm-tossed world today and sees the chaotic state in which we find ourselves, while nations continue to re-arm, with feverish activity, one is forced to ask whether, after all our progress and scientific advancement, we have as yet learned the true meaning of brotherhood."

The application for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do sul (in Brazil) was deferred pending further enquiries.

The Proceedings conclude with the report of Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews from the pen of M. W. Bro. William N. Ponton. As usual it was a delight and a pleasure to read. Generous and kindly mention is accorded to Alberta and of M. W. Bro. Bowes the Reviewer says, "The Grand Master made an admirable address."

G.M.B:

COLORADO

Seventy-sixth Annual Communication, September 15th and 16th, 1936.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, Denver, and was opened in Ample Form by M. W. Grand Master Kenneth O. Wood. Of the 147 chartered lodges in the jurisdiction 135 were represented. The Past Grand Masters in attendance were presented by the Grand Marshal, were welcomed by the Grand Master, escorted to the East, and given the Grand Honours of Masonry.

The Roll Call of deceased Past Grand Masters was called by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges were presented and welcomed. Alberta's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. William S. Pickerill, had answered the last Roll Call on June 15th, 1936, and a tribute was paid to his memory. Alberta will now be represented by Bro. John H. Beatty, of Monte Vista, whose commission was dated August 21, 1936. The Grand Lodge of Alberta joins the Grand Lodge of Colorado in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of M. W.

Bro. Pickerill. He was faithful in the performance of his Masonic duties.

Grand Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of its Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. William Wiseman Cooper, who died on November 16th, 1935, while conferring work at a Past Masters' Night of his own Lodge, Pueblo No. 17. A fitting Memorial was issued by the Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Charles A. Patton, P.G.M., was appointed to the vacancy.

The Grand Master made 114 official visitations, a colossal accomplishment in our opinion. He had a word of praise for a new work made available for the Craft by W. Bro. George B. Clark, entitled "Our Masonic Heritage," and suggested that copies of it might be supplied to each newly made Mason without additional expense to Grand Lodge if unnecessary matter were omitted from the Proceedings.

The total membership stands at 30,444, a net loss of 647.

The Oration delivered by R. W. Bro. Benjamin C. Hilliard, Grand Orator, is both interesting and informing. It is reminiscent of conditions seventy-five years ago, and works up to a review of conditions and tendencies of the present day. He sees in the sobering influence of Masons the world over one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Education approves the suggestion of the Grand Master that a copy of "Our Masonic Heritage" be placed in the hands of each newly raised brother. Service Letters are being sent out each month by the committee to the lodges. These letters will contain programs and numerous suggestions for the carrying out of an interesting and instructive communication of the lodge.

A considerable amount of housecleaning seems to have been done, as in addition to the suspensions N.P.D. there were four suspensions for un-Masonic conduct, and six brothers were expelled.

The Review of Proceedings was in the hands of a committee composed of Bro. Stanley C. Warner, Chairman, Bro. Clarence A. Harris and Bro. Harold C. McClintock. They note that considerable space is given in the several Reports to a discussion of the Liquor Question, and their conclusion is that it seems to be universal that the use of liquors, even light beer, at lodge communications is prohibited, and the occupation of a portion of lodge buildings even by druggists who dispense liquors is forbidden. They also think that the large number of suspensions shown by some of the Grand Lodges seems to be due to the fact that many of the lodges, now that the plea is no longer "financial stringency," are cleaning house, and dropping those who do not show even an interest in the Craft. This is very true in Colorado, and is good business, they claim. If the American Mason can buy a new automobile, he can pay his dues. The most disturbing factor is the apparent lack of interest in Masonry as evidenced by the scant attendance at meetings. Their advice is to make the meetings interesting, but by Masonry, not minstrel shows. Sunday picnics and lotteries are also under the ban.

Alberta, 1935, is fully reviewed, and liberal quotations given from the address of M. W. Grand Master Victor A. Bowes.

M. W. Grand Master—William R. Arthur, Boulder.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles A. Patton, Denver.

C.V.B.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington on 7th of October, 1936. M. W. Bro. Harris Samonisky, Grand Master, presided and was supported by sixteen Past Grand Masters.

Alberta's Representative, R. W. Bro. George T. Macklin, Grand Sword Bearer, was present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Rhode Island and District of Columbia. They were accorded the usual honors.

The Grand Master in his address made reference to his visit to New York when the President of the United States, R. W. Bro. F. D. Roosevelt, assisted in the conferring of the Sublime Degree on his two sons, Bros. James and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

Speaking of attendance we excerpt from M. W. Bro. Samonisky's address:

"I have discussed this subject in every Lodge in this jurisdiction and do not believe I should go into any detail about it at this time, except to emphasize what I have said so many times during the past Masonic year. Attendance is the life blood of the Craft. Without it, we cannot get very far. Let us all do our part to create greater attendance and the result will be greater interest in our work which will benefit all of us."

The Committee on Necrology reports the death of M. W. Bros. Edward G. Walls, Edward B. Mode and A. Victor Hughes.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we quote:

"Requests have been received from several Grand Jurisdictions using a foreign language, some with a slight portion in English. Several of these are from South America, and are in the Spanish and Portuguese languages. We do not think it would be advisable at the present time to extend fraternal recognition as it would be necessary to employ someone to translate the several papers received at a considerable expense."

Alberta is also waiting further particulars before some of these Grand Lodges are accorded recognition.

Alberta was courteously reviewed by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day.

Lodges 22. Members 5,625. Decrease 108.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry W. Lowe.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John F. Robinson.

M.M.D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Washington, D.C., on December 16, 1936, M. W. Bro. Otto B. Roepke, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master spoke of "the gradual but substantial improvement in conditions" as shown by the reports. Their

net loss was but 76, as against 183 last year, while the number of members raised showed an increase of 34 per cent. Attendance at lodges has markedly improved and so has the general financial standing. He was convinced that it is a mistake to carry members in arrears for more than one year. The books should be cleared annually by remission, advances, or the member dropped. He thought that one difficulty is the custom of taking no action until the end of the Masonic year, which gives only a short time to make investigation and report. He connected with this the custom of many lodges "calling off" for the two summer months, which he said results in a "general let-down" from which it is difficult to recover before the close of the year.

In Alberta, the same custom is common and another criticism might be made of it. Some close down so effectively that for two months they cease to exist and it is difficult to find anyone, officer or member, who will take responsibility for the lodge in an emergency. Masters, Officers and Secretaries have "gone with the wind"! His suggestion was that action regarding arrears be commenced at the last meeting in June.

He was very pleased to report no rulings during the year. This Grand Lodge may be establishing a record in this regard. A number of dispensations were granted, however, twelve being for conferring degrees on more than the constitutional number; five to waive the statutory time between degrees and fourteen others being waivers in favor of candidates who lacked the regulation period of residence. All of which bring back memories of pre-depression years; but why the haste?

Twelve old timers in Masonry received the honor of the Fifty Year Gold Button at his hand.

In this Grand Lodge there is a committee on Lodge By-laws, which reviews the by-laws of all lodges. They submitted their final report in May, 1936, which was approved by Grand Lodge with one exception. This appears to be a distinct improvement on the system in vogue in Alberta, where by-laws or amendments thereto are submitted to the Grand Master for confirmation.

The question of the Temple Heights site for a great Masonic Centre is still with the Grand Lodge and will be for some time, as Grand Lodge rejected the report of the committee, which recommended the disposal of this site or part of it as soon as possible.

The Grand Master attended the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and included in his address concise but enthusiastic report of his experiences, saying, "I was fortunate indeed to be privileged to be present."

His concluding remark regarding the year's work was, "The quiet progress which has been made is substantial and enduring. Masonry has never flaunted its work or its achievements. It engages in no promotional schemes nor does it broadcast to the world its purposes and its plans. It indulges in no propaganda, but pursues constantly, intelligently and effectively a course which has for its object the improvement of the material and spiritual condition of mankind."

The Grand Lecturer mentioned the disorder and confusion which sometimes occurs at Masonic funerals at the graveside, when sprigs

of evergreen are deposited. In many cases it is very inconvenient, owing to the nature of the ground, to reach the grave and the evergreens are collected and deposited by the marshal; but this often results in the same confusion, so he recommended a new regulation, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, namely, that the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens alone deposit the evergreen, which seems to be a reasonable solution.

At the celebration of their 125th Anniversary of the founding of their Grand Lodge on February 19, 1811, twenty-six Grand Masters from other jurisdictions were present, many of them accompanied by other Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Cromelin, gave a very fine address, covering the formation and the first hundred years of the existence of Grand Lodge, which it appears was formed by five lodges with a total membership of 250, now grown to over 20,000 in forty-five lodges. He was followed by M. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary, dealing with the last twenty-five years. A perusal of these two interesting addresses gives a wonderful picture of one hundred and twenty-five years of New England Masonry.

The Review of Correspondence, under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. James A. West, P.G.M., is excellent. Foreign Grand Lodges are grouped by themselves. He is particularly interested in the Grand Lodges of Australasia, whom he says really take their Masonry seriously and gives as an example some of their regulations. He notes that the admission of ladies to lodge rooms is discountenanced and that Masonic regalia should never be worn at church services or at places where ladies and others who are not Masons are present; that the Masonic emblem should never be shown in any advertisement or other notice appearing in a public newspaper, except possibly a notice of a Masonic funeral; but regulations as to the wearing of white ties and waistcoats he is not in favor of, feeling that it might have a tendency to discredit the tenet of equality, irrespective of outward appearance. This writer fails to see the point, as the great majority of members today possess special clothing for special occasions, and white ties, white gloves, and white waistcoats have always been considered as correct in connection with Masonic functions. However, we can agree that the other regulations are "in strict accord with Masonic traditions."

Alberta receives fraternal and courteous notice for 1936. He mentions M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell's foreword stating that while Bro. Mitchell found that the loss of membership is the cause of much concern to the Grand Lodges of the States, he is of the opinion that the worst is over. Certainly from the Proceedings received this year there is a very decided improvement in that regard.

His general foreword gives a birdseye view of Masonry throughout the United States. At the end of it he has a query. Perhaps some of our members could answer it. "Has any Grand Lodge Correspondent ever heard of 'Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons Jurisdiction of Mississippi?' Address P.O. Box 559, Hot Springs, Arkansas. This writer forwarded a letter to the above address in September 1936, but to date (January 1, 1937) has not received a reply."

J.H.W.S.K.

ENGLAND

At an Especial Grand Lodge, held on February 5th, 1936, presided over by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, General Sir Francis Davies, K.C.B., Grand Lodge stood in reverent memory of our late Sovereign, while Mendelssohn's Funeral March was played. The Deputy Grand Master spoke with deep feeling of the loss to the Empire in the death of King George V, quoting the words used by the speaker of the Virginian House of Delegates, to show the sympathy of the American people with us:

"The King is ill. . . . The daughter has not wandered so far from the mother, but that the Virginians here assembled unite with the people of England in the sincere hope that the King may have a speedy recovery." The R. W. Deputy Grand Master pointed out that this was a noble expression of the feelings of a great nation. He added that although not a member of our Craft, no one could doubt that throughout his life King George was faithful to the great principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief and truth. He was a patron of the three great charitable institutions and opened in person the Freemasons' Hospital, named by his authority "The Royal Masonic Hospital." He concluded his address by proposing resolutions to H.M. King Edward VIII, to H.M. Queen Mary and to the M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, expressing the loyalty, sympathy and devotion of the Craft.

The M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, was re-elected Grand Master at the following communication in March, at which Grand Lodge recommended a special subscription to be made by all lodges towards the rebuilding of the Masonic Temple of Quetta, limiting the subscriptions to one guinea per lodge, though if any individual brother in the Craft wished to subscribe more of course he could do so. This Masonic Temple had been destroyed in the tremendous earthquake which occurred in that area in India recently, and had served as a Masonic centre for a very large portion of that part of India.

The Grand Lodge accounts were presented at this communication and it was noted that the amount voted from the Fund of Benevolence resulted in an excess of expenditure over income, an unusual position for the Grand Lodge of England. However, they regard the position as satisfactory on the whole.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master referred to the time honored toast "The King and the Craft," because a great deal of doubt seemed to exist as to whether it was now right and proper on Masonic occasions, as His Majesty is a Mason. He thought the toast should be continued as concrete evidence of the loyalty of the Craft, and Grand Lodge agreed. At the September communication this was definitely confirmed.

A very interesting report of the deputation which visited South America is given. It is interesting for the reason that the United Grand Lodge of England by Treaty with the Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil established Provincial Grand Lodges in these three countries, in practice taking over the English speaking lodges which had been formed there. The deputation had a wonderful reception from the Grand Lodges under which these lodges had been. Evidently the happiest fraternal relations that could exist obtain between the English speaking Masons and their South American brethren.

At the June communication the M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, presided. He announced that H.M. The King

had been graciously pleased to accept the rank of Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary who had been seriously ill for some time was present at this communication, although not fully recovered, and was especially greeted by the Grand Master, who himself had not been well for some time.

A question arose as to the posting of summonses for each lodge using the same premises on a notice board. It was pointed out that while the posting of notices of meetings of the lodges is in order, the business to be transacted in any particular lodge is confidential to its members and should not be disclosed. An important distinction, which might be more often observed in our own jurisdiction.

At the December meeting it was reported with regret that the Grand Secretary's illness had continued, but he now seemed to be progressing favorably. We sincerely trust that R. W. Bro. Sir Colville Smith has made successful recovery.

The Committee on Revision of the Book of Constitutions is sitting regularly and is making progress. It is mentioned that this committee will submit any important changes they may recommend to the lodges for consideration, but their work will be mainly that of simplifying and clarifying the various sections.

It appears that the question of posting lodge summonses, already referred to, was not quite satisfactory to some lodges and it was even asked if a lodge might permit a visitor to see the summons. It was also contended that if the names of candidates who might be unworthy are seen by brethren who do not belong to the particular lodge, they might give some information about them. Also, a large number of visitors attend lodges purposely to see particular degrees worked, having been made aware of the proceedings by reading the summons on the notice board. It was therefore explained: 1. That the report of the Board regarding the confidential nature of the lodge summons is not intended to apply to visitors to the lodge. 2. That there is a definite distinction between lodge premises, where only Masons are admitted, and where Masons and non-Masons use the premises. In the latter case the Board's injunction would appear to be very necessary.

The Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was referred to, mentioning the remarkable reception given to H.R.H. The Duke of York, who was installed as Grand Master Mason. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master said that although he had had some experience in such matters, he did not think he had ever heard such cheering anywhere; that even the Grand Director of Ceremonies was quite unable to stop the cheers for a considerable time. He was tremendously impressed with the celebration, as were the visiting brethren from overseas.

J.H.W.S.K.

GEORGIA

One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Abit Nix, Grand Master.

They always open with that old time Methodist hymn of "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

The Grand Representative of Alberta was recorded as being present.

With the aid of the "Masonic Messenger" the Grand Master reports he was able to promote two objectives, Citizenship Program and Public School week. Citizenship was used to stress the three great loyalties to home, state and God.

No action was taken during the year to implement the recommendation of last Grand Lodge to proceed toward rejoining the Masonic Service Association, but the Grand Master recommends that the necessary steps be now taken.

A somewhat ponderous resolution was introduced calling upon the Grand Masters' Conference to appoint "some outstanding Mason of great leadership and influence with a national reputation as an Ambassador of good will to the Grand Jurisdictions of Great Britain and such other Jurisdictions on the continent of Europe looking to the assembling of a great International Council for the informal discussion of world problems of peace and brotherhood. . . . hoping thereby that steps may be initiated whereby Masons may make their contribution to the peace and well being of the distracted peoples of the earth." The matter was referred to the next Grand Master for report.

By resolution a ten per cent penalty was added to amount of per capita due Grand Lodge which had not been paid by a certain date.

Georgia adopted the so called New York or District of Columbia plan of candidate education which is similar to that now in use in Alberta.

Some well meaning brother was permitted to offer money prizes to lodges over 100 in membership and those under that number who increased their attendance at lodge meetings by the greatest per centage before a certain date. Candor causes one to query, after that what? If there is not sufficient magnetism in the fellowship of Masons and the beauty of our ritual and the practicality of our charity to attract our members to lodge then either Freemasonry has lost its appeal or Masons have lost their sense of values. This writer believes that lack of true fellowship is the crux of the attendance problem.

A resolution proposing a cut in the per diem to \$2.00 for all attending Grand Lodge was lost.

An affiliated Past Master from North Carolina was voted the rights and rank of a Past Master of Georgia. Alberta immediately upon affiliation concedes all the rights and privileges to which a brother may be entitled according to his rank.

Economy still rules against a report on Foreign Correspondence, which we regret.

Lodges, 514. Members, 40,771. Loss, 3,302.

M. W. Grand Master, Robert McMillan.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Frank Baker.

V.H.M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago on 13th of October, 1936. M. W. Bro. Hal C. McLoud, Grand Master, presided. Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

Alberta's Representative, W. Bro. Ben E. Sincere, was in attendance.

We mourn with Illinois the passing of their Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Leroy A. Goddard.

The Grand Marshal placed the flag in the Grand East while the brethren sang "America."

The opening of Grand Lodge was preceded by an organ recital and several vocal numbers from the Oxford Male Quartet of Chicago.

The Grand Master attended the Grand Master's Conference at which there were present representatives of twenty-nine jurisdictions. He says, "A better understanding and a warmer fellowship must result from these associations year by year."

The following is rather an unusual procedure:

Question—"When a member under disabilities petitions for reinstatement 'to good standing in the Fraternity and membership in your lodge,' can the lodge vote to reinstate him to good standing in the Fraternity, non-affiliated and refuse to reinstate him to membership in the Lodge?"

Answer—"Yes."

The Grand Master attended the Annual Sessions of: The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Council of Deliberation, Scottish Rite.

M. W. Bro. McLoud wrote at some length on the condition of the Craft and ends with the following:

"Our number has not increased during the past year, true, but I sincerely believe that we are showing growth in appreciation of this honorable society and that we are building in these days a nobler structure which will in the future stand firmly against any blast of adversity. If we are so building, we may confidently leave to the future the increase in membership and interest of members which we believe our Fraternity deserves."

The disbursements of the Masonic Home amounted to \$105,000.00.

A lodge made application for the reinstatement of one of its members. This brother had been expelled for participating in a lottery in connection with Medinah Temple at Chicago. It had been discovered that the brother was still carrying on his illegal business and the expulsion was allowed to stand.

M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach devotes most of his Foreword to Suspensions, etc. This excerpt is worth some study:

"We think the advice given by several Grand Masters should be carefully weighed. Where practicable, some discreet officer or committee of the lodge should get in touch with each delinquent and secure personal and confidential information as to whether the delinquent was unable to pay, in which case the dues should be remitted. In other cases, a friendly talk might be the means of prompting the delinquent to pay his dues, where the formal demand from the secretary accompanied by the threat of suspension might have the opposite effect. It is believed this course would very largely reduce the number of suspensions. It is also believed that if a discreet committee were, within a reasonable time, to personally call upon those worthy and

desirable who, perhaps through carelessness, had allowed themselves to be suspended, many might be restored and remain financial as well as Masonic assets to their lodges. It seems to the writer that much good and no harm would result from following the recommendations of these Grand Masters."

Bro. Beach in his Alberta Review made most kindly reference to the address of M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes.

Lodges 1,000. Members 218,069. Decrease 10,400.

M. W. Grand Master—Hal C. McLoud.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Richard C. Davenport, P.G.M.

M.M.D.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the City of Indianapolis 26th of May, 1936. M. W. Bro. Rudolph H. Horst, Grand Master, presided. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present; among them being Alberta's Representative, M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, who is also Grand Secretary.

In the address of the Grand Master he strikes a very optimistic note on the condition of the Craft. We excerpt:

"Freemasonry in Indiana is undergoing a great revival and it is only a question of time until we shall have fully recovered from the depressing inroads into the membership brought about by the business collapse of 1929. This revival is not of recent duration. In fact, it was apparent when this Grand Lodge met a year ago that recovery was under way. In travelling throughout the state during the past twelve months I have been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm which is being exhibited, not only by the subordinate lodges, but also by the individual members. The result has been an increase in attendance at both stated and called meetings."

During the year two Past Grand Masters passed to their rest, M. W. Bros. Robert W. Phillips and John L. Dinwiddie.

During the past fifteen years the By-Laws of Constituent Lodges have been approved by the Grand Secretary under authority from the various Grand Masters. This is claimed to have a tendency toward uniformity. Rather a good idea.

The "Indiana Freemason" is published by the boys in the Masonic Home.

The matter of Sunday picnics had the attention of the Grand Master during the year. As soon as M. W. Bro. Horst was informed of a Sunday Masonic picnic he ordered the affair "called off" and all members notified by mail.

The following are interesting and sound decisions:

Question—"Has a Worshipful Master authority to call off or postpone a Stated Meeting because it is impossible for him to be present?"

Answer—"A Worshipful Master can not call off or postpone a Stated Meeting, simply because he can not be present; neither can he call off or postpone a Stated Meeting if a quorum is found to be present at the time set in the By-Laws of the Lodge for holding same. I also called his attention that in case the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden were absent, a Past Master could not be delegated to open the Lodge as such action would be in violation of Section 72 of the General Regulations."

Question—"Has a committee appointed by the lodge to inquire into the character and qualification of a petitioner for the Degrees of Masonry the right to interrogate the applicant as to his use of alcoholic beverages?"

Answer—"The committee is not exceeding its authority in so doing."

Indiana is not a member of the Masonic Service Association and this jurisdiction is like Alberta in that regard. However, they have appointed a committee to consider the advisability of becoming a member.

The Grand Master laid the corner stones of six public buildings.

Indiana Proceedings are worthy of a place in any library. The address of the Grand Master "On Masonic Attitude Toward Subversive Activities" before the Grand Masters' Conference is published as an Addenda. Also along the same lines is an address on the subject, "The Impending Crisis" by M. W. Bro. Martin A. Morrison, a member of the House of Representatives at Washington.

The Indiana Masonic Home is doing splendid work. M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay gives a detailed report.

Lodges 556. Members 110,297. Decrease 3,648.

M. W. Grand Master—Thomas J. Wilson.

R. W. Grand Secretary—William H. Swintz, P.G.M.

M.M.D.

IOWA

Ninety-third Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. T. Ames.

A travelling Volume of the Sacred Law, from Rhode Island jurisdiction was received and dedicated. It will eventually travel over the whole Masonic world to those Grand Lodges who desire to have it rest on their Altar during a Grand Communication.

During the past year Iowa like many another jurisdiction has made a drive to clean up the very unhealthy dues situation. Delinquencies were found going back as far as 1925 and lodges were discovered charging as little as \$2.50 for annual dues. The Grand Master reports only members accounted for by payment, suspension or remission.

The Masonic Service Committee reports its activities as being quite successful and their program included jurisdiction wide simul-

taneous meetings of all lodges discussing "Work and the Working Tools," arrangement of a series of short programs for lodges when they need something to fill in and the adoption of the lodge plan of candidate education.

The Grand Charity Fund functions about the same as our Grand Lodge Benevolence Fund and on a 50-50 basis sharing grants with the lodges. They say "The plan is ideal but in carrying it out it seems that there is a constant tendency among lodges to try to shift their responsibility on to Grand Lodge. This is a mistake for even if Grand Lodge could bear the expense of all our Masonic relief I do not think it would be the right way to handle it. Each one of us has a personal responsibility to help a needy brother and I believe that each lodge also has a responsibility to its own members. If we shirk this responsibility we will lose something of the spirit of brotherhood and a very vital part of Masonry."

A recommendation to rejoin the Masonic Service Association was adopted. The conditions which prompted the withdrawal no longer exist.

With fewer members to pay for the upkeep of more Home guests is the problem of many Grand Lodges. Iowa upped the per capita 25 cents to the old figure of \$2.00. As the Grand Master put it "what is 25 cents? How many cigars will it buy? What is left after the smoke is over? A stale odor and a few ashes and these ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven." Are we not really all rather guilty of being too cheap about our Masonic and religious outlays?

They adopted a small size Past Master's certificate capable of being carried in a card case.

They had only one case of expulsion in nearly 70,000 members which is a tribute in itself.

What happens when a regular lodge meeting night falls on a holiday? The Jurisprudence Committee will think over for a year what should be done to meet the problem.

The Grand Librarian's report always forms a goodly portion of the printed volume. Each year sees rather large additions to the shelves, but the museum is mentioned this year as containing such odds and ends as glassware, pottery, aprons, ballot boxes and so on.

Upon the shoulders of Bro. H. A. Palmer has fallen the mantle of the great Louis Block as Correspondent. Bro. Palmer has done an excellent job. Alberta, 1935, is very carefully reviewed and comments are appropriate.

Lodges, 555. Membership, 69,056. Loss, 2,342.

M. W. Grand Master, T. B. Throckmorton.

R. W. Grand Secretary, C. C. Hunt.

V.H.M.

IRELAND

The Proceedings open with a St. John's Day meeting 1936. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge stating that reports from their Provincial Grand Lodges all over the world strike

a note of cheerfulness and confidence in the future, which has not been so evident in their reports of the past few years. He paid tribute to the memory of three distinguished brethren, whose work for Masonry and in the public life of the country was notable. One of these brethren, Samuel Fenton, did tremendous work for their Masonic charity in the Province of Down, having been the means of collecting forty thousand pounds during his career.

In referring to sister Grand Lodges, he said the outstanding event last year was the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at which the M. W. the Grand Master and himself, together with the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary attended as delegates. He spoke of the impressiveness of the ceremony of installation at which H.R.H. The Duke of York (now H.M. King George VI) was installed as Grand Master Mason, and was particularly gratified when it fell to the lot of the M. W. Grand Master of Ireland to make the speech of the week in proposing the toast of the Grand Master Mason and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

He referred to the different Provinces (Masonic Districts) in Ireland and found that with increasing prosperity the lodges are very active. Masonic services have been organized all over Ireland, which with social reunions and other outings tend to bring the brethren together outside their lodges. The amounts contributed to charity have greatly increased over those of last year.

The October meeting of Grand Lodge was held in Enniskillen in the new hall, a very imposing building on a fine site at the entrance to the town. The attendance at this meeting was large and enthusiastic, the meeting being the first of Grand Lodge in this town.

The Province of South Connaught, a large one with a scattered community of brethren, he commended for the way in which they have kept up their numbers and enthusiasm and was glad to see their Masonic spirit has been recognized by the brethren of other lodges in Ireland in subscribing to the appeal of members of Lodge 248, Roscommon, for help to repair their building.

With regard to the lodges overseas the reports are of the same nature and he commended them for the work they are doing, not only for the Grand Lodge Charities, but for the welfare of their own dependents.

He finished by making a strong appeal for the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, which next year will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding.

The death of H.M. King George V was marked by a resolution of sympathy conveyed to H.M. King Edward VIII, to H.M. Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family.

The reports of the Provincial Grand Masters are all interesting and fully bear out the Deputy Grand Master's optimistic statements. It is evident that the Masonic Charities occupy a prominent place in the minds of every Mason in Ireland. It is also noticeable that they are very particular with regard to the manner in which Work is performed in the lodges. Their Masonic Schools continue to maintain their high standard, several students having passed the examinations with honors. The students also make a good showing in sports; for

instance, in the Junior Schools' competition in cricket for boys under sixteen, they won all the matches and the cup, which is the eighteenth time the school had held this cup out of a total of twenty-seven competitions.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

Eightieth Annual Communication held at Topeka, February 19th, 1936. M. W. Bro. Otto R. Souders, Grand Master.

Lodges 448. Membership 63,820. Loss 1,660.

Alberta was not represented.

Grand Master Souder's introduction to his address is rather longer than usual in Grand Master's reports. He seems to feel called upon to defend Freemasonry, at least that's how it reads at this distance. As usual in panegyrics the Grand Master covers a lot of territory with high sounding words. One sentence attracts our attention: "As long as men are down-trodden, or women abused, or children neglected, or wrong triumphant, there is work for Masons and Masonry." Softly we inquire what is Freemasonry doing to cure these things as compared with her, too frequently, extravagant pretensions?

"It (Freemasonry) should be active, alive, assertive, devoted, consecrated, inspired and inspiring" he continues. Certainly it should be all these and a few more adjectives besides. But after half a lifetime of reading just such gallant statements the thought still persists that perhaps we pretend far more than we accomplish and this is said without disparagement of the finest kind of work being done in Kansas and elsewhere.

On Masonic Homes again we hear the warning note: "Let our Lodge officers be more careful of the requests they are making upon the Home and upon the Grand Lodge Relief and Charity Funds *or the per capita tax will need to be raised* (the italics are ours) and a new addition will have to be erected for the Home."

But we would like to hand Grand Master Souder a rose for this: "There is too much silly sentimentality about the duties of a Mason to support his brethren. All duties are based upon justice and reciprocal consideration." We work on the Board of Benevolence too!

We sympathize with the Grand Master and his brethren in the terrible difficulties and loss due to dust storms in his State and Jurisdiction.

As to the condition of Masonry in Kansas M. W. Bro. Souder has these remarks to make: "The spirit is distinctly better today than six months ago and decidedly better than two or three years ago. The feeling of confidence is growing. You can feel it wherever you go."

From the pen of R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson comes an excellent report on Masonic Conditions in Brazil.

The Annual oration is by Bro. Henry J. Allen, former Governor of Kansas and United States Senator. We like it and although we

can guess there was some shaking of heads over Bro. Allen's pointed comment on The Social Security Act as being "political" we think he did a good job. Bro. Allen seems to be a master of epigram and multum in parvo statement. Here are a few gems for consideration:

"We cannot always escape a practical thought that comes now and then hurtling through the most reverent atmosphere."

"We stand at a point of rejection when dross is being burned out of all forms in order that utility may be made the more manifest."

"We serve a shrewd, discerning generation who have been the direct heirs of a peculiar time, and they will be impatient with us if we do not make our mission in life to be as big as our traditions in life."

"If we are as true to our day as have been those whose memories are hallowed in our Masonic history, then we will emerge from our testing with a new strength."

Life membership has been under discussion and the Committee reports that it sees no reason to change the regulations which require all members to pay dues. However, "life memberships may be issued to the aged with impaired finances and earning power and for rare cases of exceptional service." Which we think is precisely as it should be.

Space limitations prevent Bro. Albert K. Wilson making his usual highly interesting comment on Foreign Correspondence which we miss very much. The Proceedings of Alberta for 1934 and 1935 receive, as usual, generous and fraternal mention.

Eighty-first Annual Communication at Wichita, February 17th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—James H. Wendorff, Leavenworth.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

A.M.M.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky was held in the City of Louisville on Tuesday the 20th October, 1936, with M. W. Bro. Hugh Moore, Grand Master, presiding.

The Address of the Grand Master is quite a wordy document and goes into quite a bit of detail into the operations of Masonry in Kentucky as seen by the Grand Master. A new introduction was the appointment of "Key Men" one for each Senatorial District, whose duty it was to "teach the principles of Masonry and do such other things as would be conducive to building up interest in Masonry in the several subordinate lodges in their districts." The Grand Master gives credit to the "Key Men" for the increased zeal and interest displayed by the lodges especially in "Reconsecration Night."

The Grand Lodge created a fund of \$10,000.00 to be used in matching funds paid by subordinate lodges for the support of dependent widows who had applied to and had been accepted by the Board of

Directors for admission to the Home, but whose admittance was delayed until accomodation could be found.

The question of "Life Membership" with its effects on the finances of the lodges is dealt with very effectively by the Grand Master, who concludes with a recommendation to the Jurisprudence Committee to submit a regulation forbidding the remission of any dues of Life Members.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn the loss in membership amounted to 1 015, the lowest in four years. Eight lodges consolidated and one surrendered its charter.

P. G. M. John H. Cowles was appointed to represent Kentucky at the Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and also the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A very excellent address was delivered by Bro. T. W. Fessenden, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and should be read by Masons especially in these days of doubts and isms.

The Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. G. Allison Holland, P.G.M., who covers the 1935 Proceedings of Alberta very fully.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. I. B. Ross, Carlisle.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. A. E. Orton, Louisville.

W.I.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication held in New Orleans February 3, 1936; M. W. Bro. Philip Lieber, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master fills over one hundred pages of the Proceedings. However, fifteen pages of this report are taken up with a record of his visits to districts, lodges and other jurisdictions. Somewhere in the report he made the remark as to the difficulty of a Grand Master who had to earn his daily bread to find the time to devote to such visits, but from the list he submitted we do not think that M. W. Bro. Lieber required much of that "bread" during his year of office.

However, he accomplished a tremendous amount of work for Masonry in Louisiana, perhaps the most important of which was his endeavor, and we trust a successful one, to place his Grand Lodge on a firmer financial foundation, in such a manner as to afford satisfaction to the membership by a fair adjustment of accounts with the constituent lodges. He had a tremendous problem to deal with. Grand Lodge had built a Masonic Temple in New Orleans that apparently had become an intolerable burden to carry, in fact Grand Lodge was practically at the end of its resources, and the load of indebtedness had naturally reacted on the entire body of Masonry, causing discontent and criticism of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, however, found no one to blame. He said that the project of building this temple was very carefully considered by all concerned. All the Masonic Bodies who had to raise the money considered it to be a good financial

investment and those who had loaned the money were equally certain it was a project exhibiting good business sagacity and as actual proof that they did so, they lent hundreds of thousands of dollars to Grand Lodge on its faith and integrity. The Scottish Rite Bodies and the Grand Chapter loaned additionally several hundred thousand more dollars and the people of the country freely bought the bonds issued. And now this Grand Master had to face the consequences, and he did. It is unnecessary to go into detail as those who are interested can read the Proceedings and it is a story worth reading. Suffice it to say that after many conferences the Grand Lodge directors met a delegation from a St. Louis Bond House, and after many weeks of patient negotiation they arrived at a plan of re-financing, secured the consent of about 75 per cent of the bondholders, representing 80 per cent of the bonds, and then petitioned the Federal Court to order the reorganization as being fair and proper. By this plan interest will be reduced and Grand Lodge, without increasing the per capita tax on the members, feels that they can successfully shoulder the burden and eventually repay the entire indebtedness. The Grand Master pointed out that a default by the Masons of Louisiana in this matter would reflect not only on them but on Masonry everywhere throughout the land, because the bonds were held far and wide beyond the State as well as within it, while the fact that they are meeting their obligations will not only restore their standing, but improve the standing of every lodge in the jurisdiction. We trust that his efforts will be successful.

He spoke approvingly of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, saying that the Grand Master could use a page in each issue for dissemination of his thoughts and thereby correct the mistaken idea of many brethren that Grand Lodge works publicly only three days in a year and the rest of the time is a closed corporation.

He stated he only made nine rulings during the year and those only after receiving the counsel and advice of other brethren. His ruling was occasioned by the death of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Lee E. Thomas, P.G.M., who passed away shortly after their last communication and who for thirty-five years or more had been a leader in this Grand Lodge. Such a vacancy did not appear to be provided for and so the Grand Master ruled "That the Grand Master had the power to appoint an Acting Grand Secretary, with all the privileges and authority of that office, excepting that he cannot assume the rank and dignity of the title of Grand Secretary unless elected by the brethren." Grand Lodge approved.

In looking into the expense account of the Grand Master he found that the appropriation is very liberal, \$2,500.00, and in making up the budget for necessary expenses there was a \$500.00 shortage. He ordered that amount taken from the Grand Master's account and from his own experience during the year, he thought the amount could well be limited to \$1,000.00 per year and perhaps even less. Yet from his record of visitations he covered more than three-fourths of the territory in his jurisdiction. He also found the Grand Master's Relief Account was very large and discovered that it had been the custom of Grand Masters to pass on the list of persons to whom a monthly sum was paid out of this fund and on investigation he found a number of persons regularly receiving aid who had not lived in Louisiana for years, while in some cases they had received a total of over a thousand dollars. He did not think that the outright gift of money from the funds of Grand Lodge should be the prerogative of even the Grand Master, nor did he believe any Grand Master should be charged

with such a responsibility as the rejection of appeals for help. He said, "It has been the hardest of my tasks as Grand Master." He transferred to the responsibility of the constituent lodge in every case possible the continuation of a monthly payment on this list, only keeping those on whose health and age made it necessary, recommending the elimination of the entire item.

He had much to say about the office of District Deputy Grand Masters. He thought they should be made responsible in a larger degree for the lodges in their district, that they should handle much of the detail which came to the office of the Grand Master and members should refer their problems more generally to their D.D.G.M. He also felt that some districts were too heavy and should be split.

In fact, the Grand Master dealt at length with every department of Masonic work and business in his jurisdiction. He must have spent much time in investigation and the result ought to be very beneficial.

There is no Correspondence Report.

J.H.W.S.K.

MAINE

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine held its One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication in the City of Portland on Tuesday, May 5th, 1936, with M. W. Bro. Clark D. Chapman, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Distinguished guests from the Grand Lodges of Quebec, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts were introduced and received by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors.

We are pleased to note that the representative for Alberta was able to answer the roll call.

From the Grand Master's Address we learn that the condition of the Fraternity shows a marked improvement, especially in the interest of the officers and members attendance at lodge and in increase in number of initiates. This has been accomplished by Work, Educational Programs and Masonic Entertainment, the goal being an attractive Masonic program at each meeting of the lodge. The free lunch, the bugbear of the Grand Master, is becoming a thing of the past.

Following up the desire for an Educational Program the Grand Secretary prepared three booklets dealing with the three degrees, so that each candidate may become thoroughly versed in the meaning of Freemasonry. The Grand Master ordered and presented to each Master of the lodges in his jurisdiction a copy of Claudy's "The Master's Book," to become the property of the lodge and to be handed by him to his successor in office. At the suggestion of the Grand Master a Special Communication of each lodge was called for October 23, 1935, for the purpose of re-obligation and re-consecration to Freemasonry, with gratifying results. On the matter of Social Clubs within the lodges the Grand Master sees serious objection as they do not always carry on "within the limits prescribed by our rules."

A financial survey of the lodges revealed that too many are endeavouring to carry on with too little income and too much expense,

and as a result are finding themselves severely handicapped. Suggestions are offered to the lodges to remedy these defects.

The Grand Master was indeed a busy man, having attended two special communications for the purpose of dedicating halls, making a number of visits to neighboring jurisdictions, in addition to the visiting of one third of his lodges, and the numerous duties attendant upon his office.

Maine has adopted the system of presenting medals to veterans of the Craft within her jurisdiction, who have been members of 50 years' standing. The oldest man to receive a medal was 101 years of age and had been a Mason for 68 years.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the following Grand Lodges:

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Grand Lodge of Sweden.

The Grand Lodge of Norway.

The Grand Lodge Lessing Zu Den Drie Ringen (Czechoslovakia).

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia presented the Grand Lodge of Maine with the Flag of the Province accompanied with a copy of its history by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, of happy memory.

"An Ancient Landmark" is the title of the foreword on the Report of Foreign Correspondence, as presented by Bro. A. Ashley Smith, but the subject matter deals with the Constitution of the United States and is interesting from a patriotic point of view. Alberta, 1935, is given a generous review, especially M. W. Bro. Bowes' address being copiously quoted. We thank him for his kind references.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry R. Gillis, Portland.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Convers E. Leach, Portland.

W.I.

MANITOBA

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Winnipeg on 10th June, 1936, Alberta being represented by R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr.

An Emergent Meeting, at which the Grand Master presided, was held at Brandon on 23rd September, 1935, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple.

The Grand Masters of North Dakota and Saskatchewan and M. W. Bro. Copus, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario were welcomed.

Appropriate reference is made by the Grand Master to the passing of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

He expresses his appreciation of the response made by the brethren at large to the Special Appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Fund. A contribution to the fund was made by Canada Lodge, London.

During his term of office the Grand Master attended the District Meetings, many individual lodges, and the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Canada in Ontario, and Quebec.

In his address the Grand Master quotes extensively from an article published in "The Builder" many years ago from which it would appear that many of the problems which we face today are by no means new and leads to the conclusion that if we face and deal with our difficulties as they arise the future need not cause any dismay. Perhaps we are all prone to miss the forest for the trees. Today we are inclined "to view with alarm" something or another, as Masons and lesser mortals have done from the beginning of time and will probably continue to do throughout the years to come. In the midst of all our alarm Masonry goes serenely on her way.

The Board of General Purposes recommends that medals be awarded to Master Masons who have had membership for fifty continuous years.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry has this to say:

"The general condition of Freemasonry compares fairly well with that of the preceding years, and considering the circumstances of the times the Craft appears to be moving along in its well ordered way with steady progress, healthy growth and with beneficent influence upon the minds and character of its members."

Quite refreshing.

In the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s we read of lodges in the southern part of the jurisdiction holding International Nights with lodges in North Dakota. Such meetings are worth while and can only be productive of much good.

Benevolence is a major activity. Forty-nine cases on the books and a total of \$10,754.98 disbursed.

The Committee on Masonic Education reports that this activity was featured at the District Meetings. The Committee meets each month and has prepared a syllabus for each of the three degrees for the use of the Study Clubs.

A striking address was delivered by R. W. Bro. M. H. Garto. We cannot refrain from quoting one paragraph:

"When solemn covenants, sacred promises and formal treaties are treated as scraps of paper to be torn up and thrown away at the whim of one of the contracting parties, the basis upon which International Security rests is utterly destroyed and Chaos and Anarchy reign over the nations. Such is our plight today and we Masons know that so it will continue to be so long as our beloved Order and the Principles and Virtues upon which it is founded are suppressed in any considerable part of the world."

Neither can we refrain from mentioning that these disgraceful actions are not limited to International matters. They are going on in our own country. How can we expect a people to retain a decent (far less a high) ethical standard and a well developed commercial morality when our leaders in government prostitute these ideals on their own peculiar altars of ethical, commercial and political expediency. The address concludes on a high note:

"To preserve and carefully and lovingly cultivate and scatter abroad these Principles and these Virtues, to keep our Working Tools

in order, to receive and carefully train new generations of Craftsmen to take our places as we drop out of the procession and to keep on expertly building until the Temple of our New Civilization has been completed to the Plan of the Great Architect is, my brethren, the Glorious Mission, of us the Freemasons of today—may we well and worthily perform it—our Great Architect demands and expects that of us.”

May we “*deis bene juvantibus*” persist until we attain.

The Grand Secretary reports a net loss in membership of 276.

The meeting was privileged to have an exceptionally fine address from M. W. Bro. Copus. Space forbids quotation but the address is recommended to all Masters “to be read in all lodges.”

In the Review of Fraternal Correspondence Alberta is fraternally reviewed.

G.M.B.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on November 17, 1936. Grand Lodge was opened by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, with the other Grand Officers in their stations. The Grand Master, escorted by the Grand Deacons, was received, welcomed with Grand Honors and conducted to the East. The two Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge were then similarly received.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, had no rulings to report in his address, which would indicate that Masters of lodges are giving more heed to the Constitution of Grand Lodge than heretofore. He mentioned having received many requests to confer degrees upon persons with physical defects and quoted the Constitution, which is very clear on the subject, requiring that all candidates must conform literally to the requirements of ancient Craft Masonry, with certain exceptions for those injured in the Army or Navy services of the United States. All such requests were refused.

Five corner stones were laid during the year.

The Grand Master made extended reference to their Masonic Home, which has now been in operation for two years, and they are rapidly completing improvements which will add greatly to the appearance of the Home and grounds. It is evident that the members of Maryland take a keen interest in their Home.

The Proceedings are embellished with several cuts showing the lodge rooms and halls of their Masonic Temple at Baltimore, which they appear to have renovated from top to bottom. These cuts give the impression of dignified and well furnished lodge rooms, in which it must be a pleasure to work.

This Grand Lodge celebrated its 150th Anniversary in May of this year, 1937. It was organized at Easton, Maryland, on April 17, 1787, by five lodges on the eastern shore, considering that as a matter of right and that they ought to form a Grand Lodge independent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In the year 1811 a brother Master Mason came within the jurisdiction, known as George Richards and

supposed to have been the Rev. George Richards, who had been commissioned by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire to visit all Grand Lodges and their subordinate lodges in the United States, to instruct the Craft in the lectures, theory and practice of the Royal Arts and also if requested to exemplify the Custodian Lectures in all degrees, answer all such queries as may tend to the improvement of the Craft, abolish the distinction of ancient and modern Masonry and unite Columbia Masons into one uniform mode of lecturing and working. The foregoing is from the Grand Lecturer's report. He goes on to show that this brother was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland as a lecturer and recommended to the different lodges under their jurisdiction. By this appointment, one hundred and twenty-five years ago, the position of the first Lecturer of this Grand Lodge was created, and seems to have been continued ever since. It will be noted that this worthy brother, George Richards, was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in the first place, that he apparently was invested with the powers of a Custodian of the Work and instructed to abolish the distinction between the ancients and the moderns, as far as Working was concerned. And further, that several Grand Lodges seemed to accept him as an authority.

Our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Martin H. Kinsinger, was among those welcomed by the Grand Master and is one of the few representatives who regularly convey the Grand Master's messages to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge which he represents. The writer greatly appreciates his letters.

There is no Review of Correspondence.

J.H.W.S.K.

MICHIGAN

The Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the Methodist Church, City of Traverse on 26th of May, 1936. M. W. Bro. Harvey A. Sherman, Grand Master, presided. Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present. We noted the absence of Alberta's Representative.

M. W. Bro. Dargavel, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Andrew M. Heron, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge from Ontario, were present. R. W. Bro. C. L. Young, Grand Lecturer from Colorado, was also among the visitors.

Bro. M. O. Champney, Mayor of Traverse, as well as Bro. Arnell G. Engstrom, President of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the members of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master attended the Grand Masters' Conference and from his report we excerpt:

"This conference disclosed the fact that other Grand Jurisdictions are struggling with the same problems with which we are confronted with regard to gambling and those influences tending to destroy religious influence and American Institutions. All agree that now as never before, Masonry has an opportunity to become a dominant force in building up American citizenship. The subject of citizenship is as old as the forming of communities and community interest. The standard of Masonic Citizenship should be so high that every man,

woman and child in the community would recognize Freemasonry and Masons as leaders in the moral uplift of mankind."

Grand Lodges are coming out strongly to combat the evils of Fascism, Nazism, Communism, Atheism, etc. The following definition from Michigan of Communism is worth repeating:

"Hatred of God and all forms of religion; destruction of private property and inheritance; absolute social and racial equality; promotion of class hatred; revolutionary propaganda through the Communist International, stirring up Communist activities in foreign countries in order to cause strikes, riots, sabotage, bloodshed and civil war; destruction of all forms of representative or democratic government, including civil liberties such as freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, and trial by jury; and the ultimate and final objective is by means of revolution to establish the dictatorship of the so-called Proletariat into the world union of Soviet Socialist Republic with a capital at Moscow."

The perusal of Michigan, Pages 196-211 is worth while to those who are interested in the above matters.

Article 18, Regulations, was amended to read:

"No lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for less than twenty-one dollars."

Michigan does not publish a Review, but the volume as published is of a high standard.

Lodges 509. Members 119,076. Decrease 4,427.

M. W. Grand Master—Neil E. Reid.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Lou B. Winsor, P.G.M.

M.M.D.

MINNESOTA

Eighty-third Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 15th, 1936. M. W. Bro. Eugene G. McKeown, Grand Master.

Lodges 307. Membership 51,574. Loss 2,029.

Alberta was represented by the ever-faithful M. W. Bro. E. J. Simon, her Grand Representative.

The Grand Masters of North and South Dakota were among several distinguished guests present.

The appointment of R. W. Bro. John W. G. Morrison, Vermilion, Alberta, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in Alberta is recorded.

Among the list of dispensations we observe one granted to a lodge to attend church service on condition "that the members do not clothe as Masons." With which procedure we heartily agree.

In his address the Grand Master quotes a paragraph from the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Service and Information of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It brings new light to the

question of Lodge Attendance and being of high interest is reproduced here:

"Masonic Life Expectancy in Years. I have used the statistics of Brother J. Edward Allen of Warrenton, N.C., in his Masonic Reviews published by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M., and surveys made of different Lodges in Ohio, and find that 'Age' is the main factor in the losses. Brother Allen gives the expectancy in years in the United States 17.4. I find in Ohio it is less then 16 years; that over 80 per cent of our suspensions are due to members reaching their life expectancy and not as we supposed the depression. General statistics for a period of boom and bad times show that only one out of every three raised becomes a permanent member; therefore, it is apparent that we must do something to increase the Span of Masonic Life."

Grand Master McKeown follows up with his own comment as to what may be done, but as nothing new is suggested we do not quote.

The difficulties of operating Masonic Homes are again demonstrated by the Report of a special committee on Delinquencies in Payment of Masonic Home assessment when 17,046 of a total membership of 51,574 are reported as not having paid their assessment.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education indicates that the Bulletin idea providing the smaller lodges with material for discussion is spreading among the Jurisdictions of the United States.

The Annual oration is by Bro. Edward H. Knehans, who chose for his topic "The Challenge of This Hour". It is a thoughtful story and we have chosen two paragraphs to represent its quality:

"Possibly we need a new philosophy of life? A man's conduct is the true portrayal, the real reflection of his philosophy of life, and it is determined solely by the relative value which he, in his own mind, places upon things. He can be sure that these values are right only if he has chosen wisely the reference points from which to judge their relationships. If he is not honest with himself to the absolute best of his ability, if he cannot think straight and carry his thoughts to their logical conclusion in truthful action, he has sold his birthright.

"The obligation to be truthful, with and to ourselves, is followed directly by that to assist others to find and understand the truth. We are unquestionably responsible for the mistakes and sorrows of others if our intentional failure in this respect has caused them anguish. Not to help others, struggling in the fog of uncertainty and doubt, is a betrayal of trust only slightly less heinous than self-deception. It is far from right to judge others by what they do, because we do not always know attendant circumstances leading up to specific acts. But we are obligated to express disapproval of the acts themselves if these are of social consequence. Tolerance becomes an abominable crime when it degenerates into laziness or indifference to moral responsibility. If we are to advance individually and collectively, we must be seriously honest with ourselves. We must share the light as we have come to see it, without material gain except as may come through community sharing. When we can do this out of a conviction that it is right, we shall be well on our way in the elimination of confusion."

The Fraternal work at Rochester is modestly noted and deservedly high praise given Bro. Frank G. Warner in charge. 10,245 calls at

the hospitals during the year mean an enormous amount of unselfish service.

A proposed Funeral Service appears in full.

Apart from a brief introduction to the Report on Foreign Correspondence dealing almost exclusively with Jurisdictions in America there is no reference to the state of Freemasonry abroad. Is Freemasonry to become an English speaking organization?

In the Reviews of Proceedings Alberta, as always, receives generous treatment.

Eighty-fourth Annual Communication, St. Paul, January 20th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—William A. Elliott, Minneapolis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John Fishel, St. Paul.

A. M. M.

MISSISSIPPI

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Simon H. Rubel.

The Grand Master recommended rejoining the Masonic Service Association which was adopted. Someone facetiously pointed out that it will not increase the cost of Grand Lodge as the \$600.00 fee will be saved through the marriage of a superannuated lady from Grand Lodge office who had been receiving that amount.

While attending Masonic Conferences in Washington Grand Master Rubel improved the occasion by hob-nobbing with his old friend President Roosevelt, who was good enough to enquire about Masonry in Mississippi. A little flare up was caused in Grand Lodge when the Grand Master proposed sending the President a telegram of appreciation for what he was accomplishing in a political way. The wording was "a little stout" for some of the brethren. Too much caution cannot be observed when there is danger of treading political ground.

The Constitution was amended to require that each ballot for initiation shall be taken separately. The per capita tax was set at \$2.50, minimum for the three degrees at \$30.00 and from all initiation fees \$10.00 shall go to the Masonic Home Maintenance Fund.

An unusual procedure which Alberta would not permit was the passing of the hat at Grand Lodge for the widow of an old time officer and another brother, a Past Grand Lecturer. Surely there must be proper funds somewhere within the Craft to make such appeals unnecessary.

The 35 page limit set for the Foreign Correspondent does not include Alberta in its reviews. May we hope to see ourselves mentioned next year? The Correspondent was too ill to be present at Grand Lodge. We trust he is fully restored to health again.

Lodges, 335. Membership, 20,430. Loss, 167.

M. W. Grand Master, G. W. Holloway.

R. W. Grand Secretary, E. L. Faucette.

V. H. M.

MONTANA

Seventy-second Annual Communication held at Butte, August 19th, 1936. M. W. Bro. John R. Lloyd, Grand Master.

Lodges 135. Membership 18,078. Loss 242.

Alberta was represented by Bro. J. W. Speer, Grand Representative.

Among many distinguished guests were the Grand Masters of Connecticut, Idaho and North Dakota.

Formal welcome to Butte was extended by the Mayor, Wor. Bro. Charles Hauswirth.

Among the list of special communications is recorded the laying of the corner stone of the new Grand Lodge Library, Museum and office building in Helena. The corner stone itself is of black Montana granite and was designed and worked by John Kain, then Deputy Grand Master and now Grand Master of Montana. Speculative and operative Masons are rare enough to make this ceremony and presentation noteworthy even outside Montana.

The passing of M. W. Bro. George W. Craven, Immediate Past Grand Master is recorded.

In his address the Grand Master records several pleasing incidents, but none more indicative of one of the primary requisites than the amicable settlement of a land dispute between two members of a lodge in which a special committee acted as jury and the Master as attorney for both sides. The finding of the jury was accepted by both brethren. Fine work!

"The demands upon the Relief Fund have greatly decreased"—a happy report.

Under the sub-title, "Masonic Welfare Association", the Grand Master comments:

"Of late years in various parts of the state a number of lodges have joined themselves together in Welfare Associations. These associations held regular meetings, usually quarterly, at which a program of entertainment and Masonic education is given. . . . It is found almost without exception that lodges who belong to these associations become much more active."

The Grand Master, while quite frankly admitting diversity of opinion among the brethren as to the value of the Orders of De Molay for boys and the Rainbow for girls, is of the opinion "that these organizations should be encouraged to the fullest extent by our fraternity." With this we agree for the boys of today are the Craftsmen of tomorrow and with so many present appeals to youth surely we should not be blind to the need for sowing the seed of Masonic idealism during the impressionable years.

The Grand Secretary reports fifty-one lodges as showing gains in membership, a notable improvement.

Echoes of the series of disastrous earthquakes in Montana are heard in several parts of the proceedings and the Masons of Montana have everywhere acquitted themselves in the best traditions of the Craft.

Montana is vitally interested in an annual School Week Program and in reporting the current activity the Committee concludes its report by saying, "It is our earnest wish that these observances of Public Schools Week grow in interest and enthusiasm each succeeding year to the end that we may do our share in protecting and defending that one institution which is really the foundation of our democracy."

A thoughtful address, "Trust in God," by R. W. Bro. George S. Sloan, Grand Chaplain, and remarks by the Grand Masters of Connecticut and North Dakota appear in extenso.

In the Review of Foreign Proceedings, Alberta is missing, due, we are sure, to the publication date of our Proceedings being too late for the reviewer's "dead line."

Seventy-third Annual Communication to be held at Helena, August 18-19, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—John Kain, Helena.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

A. M. M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 9th, 1936. M. W. Bro. William C. Ramsey, Grand Master.

Lodges 292. Membership 33,817. Loss 2,492.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Grand Representative.

A dispensation for a new lodge at Cairo is recorded.

The Grand Master attended at the laying of six corner stones, three of which were in school buildings, one in a library, one in a court house and the last in a Masonic Temple.

Thirty-six badges were presented to Masons who had completed fifty years membership.

The liquor question is dealt with in three pages of decisions by the Grand Master. He is interpreting his Constitution which apparently definitely sets him up as an Agent of Prohibition insofar as Nebraska Freemasonry is concerned. Western Jurisdictions seem to have a peculiar fondness for negative or "thou shalt not" legislation and the present emphasis seems no exception to the general rule. And we are not quarrelling with the Grand Master's interpretation of his code. Nevertheless 161 Masonic trials of brethren "engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage" are recorded. Prohibition rather than moderation is apparently Nebraska's settled policy.

A new note is sounded when the Grand Master recommends the purchase of a car for the use of the Grand Master in making his numerous visits. It seems a sensible suggestion for a far flung jurisdiction.

A slow but gradual improvement in the general condition of lodges is noted with "Masonic Education" again advocated as a possible cure-all. Finances are reported "in splendid condition."

The Roll of Honor of lodges which have no delinquent dues has grown to twelve and one lodge is included which "has never shown a loss of membership from the date it received its charter."

The Oration was delivered by Wor. Bro. Charles Durden, is entitled "Islands of Safety" and deals in vivid but sympathetic fashion with our modern difficulties and a few of the islands in the sea of trouble where Masons can pause to reflect.

Nebraska's Report on Foreign Correspondence is on the topical basis and is a positive mine of information for Masonic students. We heartily congratulate M. W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites for a masterly piece of painstaking labor. That he quotes all views is shown by the inclusion of our own somewhat acid comment on Masonic Education.

Eightieth Annual Communication at Omaha, June 8th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—Chancellor A. Phillips, Cambridge.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A.M.M.

NEVADA

Seventy-second Annual Communication, June 11 and 12, 1936.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at High Twelve in the Masonic Temple, Reno, M. W. Bro. A. F. Aymar presiding. Twenty-three of the twenty-six Lodges answered the Roll Call.

Past Grand Master Edward A. Ducker, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, delivered the chief address of welcome.

Bro. R. A. Trimble, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was present.

The Grand Master reported that during his official visits he had observed that everywhere optimism had replaced the fear and unrest which had prevailed during the past several years, and that notwithstanding the distress occasioned by the economic crisis and the bank failures of 1932, which had completely wiped out the treasuries of many of the Lodges and the savings of their members, these Lodges had not only carried on but had pressed forward. All were in a healthy condition and their finances were sufficient to meet their necessary expenses and charities, and nearly all of them were adding new members to their rosters, some for the first time in five years.

The zeal and devotion, the spirit that refused to accept defeat in the face of almost unsurmountable obstacles and the sublime faith displayed by those brethren who had formed their early lodges in the then faraway places, still prevailed. The condition of the Lodges after the distressing years just passed through was proof that that spirit still lived and would continue to live.

No decisions had been called for.

The Grand Master is strongly against the use of ciphers, but would rather see a little ritualistic imperfection. Grand Lodge, how-

ever, did not seem to favour this. He was of the opinion that the present laws in regard to the liquor traffic were sufficient for the present.

Fraternal relations were recommended with the Grand Independent Cosmos of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Applications from several other Grand Lodges were held over until another Communication, without prejudice.

The Committee on Masonic Service reported that investigation disclosed that very few lodges use the material sent out by the Masonic Service Association. Lack of a plan to use the material rather than the material itself was the reason.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Henry C. Schmidt, gave some very excellent advice in his oration.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, written by the Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, is submitted with an apology, and the explanation that if it is not up to the standard of other years this is due to bodily illness of the Reporter. There are, however, forty pages of news and views of other Grand Jurisdictions, and they contain a wealth of information of what is going on in the Masonic world. Alberta is given more than a page in the Report, and the proceedings of our Grand Lodge in 1935 faithfully outlined. There is a kind word for this reviewer, which is appreciated.

M. W. Grand Master—T. T. Fairchild, Tuscarora.

R. W. Grand Secretary—V. M. Henderson, Reno.

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1935)*

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at St. John on 22nd August, 1935, under the leadership of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Burchill. Alberta was not represented.

It is regretted that the 1935 Proceedings were received too late for review in our 1936 Proceedings.

The Grand Master's address is principally a record of his official visits during the year. He attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Suitable reference is made to the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V., a celebration all too soon to be followed by the passing of that most beloved Sovereign. A most appropriate reference may here be produced:

"Amid confusion and restlessness abroad among the nations, with Dictatorship and Autoeracy replacing Democracy, and statesmen groping for light, the figure of our beloved king as the head of a constitutional Government stands unmoved, steadfast, firm in the affection of a devoted people."

The Grand Secretary reported a membership of 5,521, a decrease of 187. Suspensions and withdrawals exceed the number initiated or admitted to membership.

Five dispensations were granted to confer degrees at short intervals.

An application was received from Newcastle Bridge, Minto and vicinity praying for a warrant of Constitution. The Grand Master granted a dispensation in September and a warrant was granted at this communication.

The Board of General Purposes reports the sum of \$1,501.05 expended for relief.

The financial position of Grand Lodge including the Benevolent Fund is in healthy condition.

Interesting readable reports were presented by the D.D.G.M.'s of the six Masonic Districts dealing entirely with local affairs. District No. 5 has set about organizing to endeavour to raise funds to pay off the shortage of the Protestant Orphanage. This is particularly interesting in view of the concluding paragraph of the Grand Master's address:

"I have been wondering if the time has not arrived when we might well consider the feasibility of going a step further. What I have in mind is some definite objective that Masonry in New Brunswick might work towards. I am thinking now especially of our younger Masons. There is a growing tendency at present to leave to the State, with its clumsiness and inefficiency, social services and obligations which were formerly discharged by volunteer effort. And in this connection let us remember that charity is the keystone of our Institution and that it is an active and not a passive virtue. My suggestion would be the appointment of a committee to survey our position, study our needs and report in due course what, if any, plans could be undertaken for the further extension and promotion of our beloved institution."

District No. 5 almost if not quite anticipated the Grand Master's ideas.

There is no fraternal correspondence.

G.M.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord on May 20th, 1936, with M. W. Bro. Halsy C. Edgerton, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East

It is observed that the Representative of Alberta was not present at this communication, which we regret.

Bro. Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was introduced, and brought with him a Bible which he is seeking to have dedicated in every Grand Lodge in the United States. New Hampshire complied with his request.

The Grand Master reports an increasing degree of interest in Masonic matters, and exhorts one and all to contribute in whatever way he can towards greater improvement.

M. W. Bro. Edgerton was able to attend the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in March when he had the honor

of being presented with a Henry Price Medal; a mark of distinction in that State.

At the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association, M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary of New Hampshire, was named Chairman of the meeting.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Portsmouth, celebrated its two hundredth anniversary during the week of June 24th, with a programme running throughout the entire week. One day was designated as "Grand Lodge Day" at which the Grand Master called a special communication. We congratulate St. John's Lodge on attaining this ripe old age and trust they will continue to spread the gospel of Masonry for many years to come.

It is pleasing to note that a brother, who desires to remain nameless, has placed sufficient funds in the hands of the Grand Master to place a copy of "The Master's Book" by Claudy, in each Lodge, with this notation:

"Should this little book help any Master to a successful year, provide any inspiration for brethren, lead any Lodge another step forward on the high road of happy fraternal life, the donor will be more than repaid."

The desire of lodges bordering on other States to interchange in the exemplification of degrees has caused the Grand Master to recommend the appointment of a special committee to consider this matter and report at the next communication.

The Committee on Masonic Home, to whom was referred the matter of raising funds for the purpose of building an extension, reported that inasmuch as there was a deficit on the Home at the present time, it was inopportune to consider any extension work which would have the result of increasing the deficit. They therefore asked that the Committee be continued and that assistance be granted the Home to meet its obligations.

The record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire also contains the minutes of the Semi-annual Communication held December 27th, 1935, and also the minutes of the District Lodges of Instruction and that of two Dedications.

The Foreign Correspondence has been prepared by M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, who tells us in his report that this is the thirtieth annual and successive report and we congratulate him on his excellent work in this field of endeavour and trust he will be spared to write many more reviews.

Alberta, 1935, is fully reviewed, every phase of our work being covered, and we thank him for his kindly remarks on our late M. W. Bro. Selwood.

M. W. Grand Master—Halsey Charles Edgerton, Hanover.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry M. Cheney, Concord.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Trenton on April 22, 1936, M. W. Bro. Martin J. Dietz, Grand Master.

All Grand Officers were present and twenty Past Grand Masters. Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Howard L. Carter.

The Grand Master found much improvement and returning confidence in Masonic affairs, with fewer suspensions N.P.D., fewer dimits being issued and an increasing number of men seeking admittance, and it is evident that there is a revival of interest in the abiding Truths of Masonry everywhere.

In speaking of the very large number of visitations he made, he gave his idea of how Grand Lodge should be regarded by the Craft: "Not as a separate and distinct Body apart from our Masonry, but to guarantee Masonic regularity, to enact rules, laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, to render service to each constituent lodge and to act as the preserver and Custodian of our ritual and the customs which have come down to us through the ages." Consequently he made it a point to enlighten the brethren as to the activities of Grand Lodge, giving them all information possible regarding its work.

He laid two corner stones, one for a Post Office, the other for a Masonic Temple.

He had many requests for dispensations and apparently refused a number of them, as he said "Too many were to nullify that which the brethren themselves had enacted." He consistently refused to grant them when contrary to the Digest (Constitution) or which could be effected by a proper amendment to the by-laws and he was confident that such requests in future would be less frequent because of his insistence that the Masters and Wardens make themselves as familiar with the Digest as they are with the ritual. He may be rather optimistic.

This Grand Lodge celebrates the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in special fashion. They had 600 members attend a splendid dinner, after which they adjourned to the large lodge room where they had the pleasure of listening to R. W. Bro. Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, the noted Masonic scholar and author, "who spoke to us most forcibly on the Winter of Liberty." The Festival days of Masonry in Alberta have almost come to be regarded as just another "regular" meeting night. It might be well to consider the example of New Jersey.

The Masonic Bureau was able to place one thousand unemployed members in positions and in addition secured hospitalization, food and clothing for many worthy cases. A splendid record. The object of this Bureau is "to help a brother help himself." Grand Lodge contributes \$6,000.00 a year and 182 lodges contribute one cent per month per member to this worthy cause. The Bureau is an incorporated body.

Their Masonic Home is also doing a grand work, while the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund, built up some years ago by \$1.00 per capita assessment on the entire membership and operated like the Benevolent Fund in Alberta, has in the words of the Grand Master produced a

fund, the income from which is today bringing a measure of comfort and happiness to 137 families in their Grand Jurisdiction. The \$1.00 assessment has not been levied for the past few years, as owing to conditions the lodges had to be relieved. Now because of reduced interest on investments and reduced income of Grand Lodge as well, the Grand Master of the year previous made a levy of 15c per capita, for this fund to be used as income, and this year the Grand Master asked for a 10c levy, stating the necessity for maintaining this work was imperative. Every lodge in the jurisdiction complied and the Grand Master acknowledged with gratitude their response, but was firmly convinced that the \$1.00 assessment would have to be restored. In fact, his recommendation carried in Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made a fine appeal to his brethren to rededicate themselves to the principles and tenets of Freemasonry at a special meeting night set apart for all lodges in the jurisdiction.

Speaking of Masonic Education he strongly recommended the appointment of a Committee on Education and Service by Grand Lodge. He endeavored during his year to do what he could along the lines of education, but felt a standing committee would not only be more effective, but provide continuity of policy.

He thought that many Masters, because of prevailing conditions, needed help and encouragement in their duties, one of the most important of which is "to set the Craft at labor and give them good and wholesome instruction," so one of his first official acts was to present each Worshipful Master with a copy of "The Master's Book" by Claudy, with instructions to pass it on to their Senior Warden in June, so that he would have six months in which to study and become familiar with the many suggestions it contained. This very useful little book was strongly recommended at every District Meeting in Alberta last year.

Further, the Grand Master authorized the preparation of a "Secretary's Guide", directing R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, Grand Secretary, to prepare it and said that he did a most commendable piece of work, "and it should be of inestimable value to the Secretaries and other fiduciary officers."

He found that many Masonic Temple Associations by reason of their form of incorporation could not secure tax exemption and with the aid of two Past Grand Masters, eminently qualified to handle the matter, had a bill prepared for introduction in the State Legislature to clarify the tax law. It provided that all real and personal property of Fraternal Organizations or affiliated bodies be free from tax when the same is not used for pecuniary profit. This bill is now law in New Jersey.

In examining the reasons for lack of interest in the membership he came to the conclusion that in the majority of cases when members were applicants for the degrees they were never made to understand the nature and purpose of Freemasonry. Because of this lack of pre-application information, some looked upon Masonry as a social club, others as a benefit society, offering cheap insurance in case of sickness or death and in old age a place in the Home and support guaranteed to widow and orphans. These misunderstandings inevitably led to disappointment and he was convinced that some of the losses in membership are directly attributable to such misunderstandings and suggested that other jurisdictions might be copied in preparing

a statement on the purposes of Freemasonry, to be placed in the hands of every petitioner, before the application is acted on.

He especially complimented the D.D.G.M.'s on the services they had rendered, knowing from experience himself of the sacrifices they make.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by a committee of three, who apparently divide the work amongst them. Alberta receives fraternal recognition in a review for 1935, M. W. Bro. Bowes' year, by R. W. Bro. David McGregor. From the foreword we learn that the total net loss for the last five years covering the United States and Canada was 572,758, or 16.5 per cent of the membership. This amounts to an average loss of 3.5 per cent per year for that period, which considering the severity of the times we have gone through is not so discouraging after all. An encouraging feature is the number who are returning to the fold and putting themselves in good standing, which amounted last year to about 49,000. Their reviews cover North America, Bolivia in South America, England, Ireland and Czechoslovakia, the Philippine Islands, in Asia and the Grand Lodges in Australasia.

J.H.W.S.K.

NEW MEXICO

Fifty-eighth Annual Communication, March 16, 17 and 18, 1936.

Grand Lodge convened at Albuquerque, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Reuben Perry. An address of welcome was made by Bro. Charles H. Lembke, Honourable Mayor of the City. The Masters of the three Subordinate Lodges in Albuquerque also extended greetings. Response was made by R. W. Bro. Edward R. Paul, Deputy Grand Master.

The corner stones of the new United States Post Offices at Carlsbad and Silver City had been laid by Grand Lodge during the year.

The record of visitations by the Grand Master is a fairly long one, and includes one to the Annual Session of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia. He was pleased to announce that New Mexico was one of the not more than ten Grand Jurisdictions which had met all their obligations in connection with that great Masonic undertaking.

The Masonic Educational Service Committee were unable to show satisfactory results due chiefly to the prohibitive mailing charges on "The New Mexico Free Mason." It is hoped that these may be reduced, and the publication started on its way again.

Two charters had been arrested during the Masonic year, those of Penasco Lodge No. 32, and Grenville Lodge No. 59. The arrest of the charters of Logan Lodge No. 38, and of Sierra Grande Lodge No. 57 at Des Moines, was recommended. Good roads and motors are responsible for dwindling populations in small centres.

The loss in membership was 128, but sixty of these were accounted for by the arresting of the charters of two lodges.

Considerable activity is shown in the records of the various charitable and relief funds, all of which appear to be very well administered.

A thoughtful address was delivered by W. Bro. Lynn B. Mitchell on "Liberty, Equality and Justice." The speaker defined these qualities as applied to conditions now prevailing in most countries.

M. W. Bro. Richard B. Hanna, P.G.M., gave an informing address on his experiences in the Far East, with special reference to China and Japan. He seems to think that there is a real danger to be feared from the ambitions of the latter country.

A new form of petition was adopted, involving a questionnaire. It was decided that when a petition is handed to an enquirer a letter should also be given him containing such information in regard to Freemasonry as he is entitled to before he hands in the petition. This appears to be a sensible plan, and will prevent disappointments later.

When the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports next year it is probable that recognition of several Grand Lodges in Central and South America may be recommended. It was felt that international relationships, business dealings and the more rapid means of transportation demanded a better understanding of the people on this continent.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. John Milne, and includes forty-four Grand Jurisdictions, only two of which are beyond the boundaries of the United States. Alberta is not reviewed. A wealth of information has been gleaned for the Masonic student.

M. W. Grand Master—Edward R. Paul, Santa Fe.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

C. V. B.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held in the City of New York on May 5th, 1936.

Owing to the serious illness of M. W. Bro. Robert Elliot Owens, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Deputy Grand Master, presided in the Grand East. We sincerely trust that ere this M. W. Bro. Owens has fully recovered, restored to health and vigor and that he has been able to take his place in the activities of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The invocation by R. W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman gave that spirit of inspiration and solemnity that seemed to befit the occasion.

R. W. Bro. Klinck then presented the address of the Grand Master from which we make the following observations. In speaking of the "Go-to-Church Sunday" the Grand Master has this to say:

"A Masonic sermon or a Masonic speaker is not essential, but in these days of wavering faith and many doubts, and when the Church, the greatest force for righteousness in this world, needs re-enforce-

ments in its battles against evil, a publicly proclaimed alliance with the forces of right by the Masonic Fraternity is needed."

In an effort to obtain greater and more accurate knowledge of Lodge Records and Finance, the Grand Master sent out a questionnaire, which when answered and properly tabulated would have given Grand Lodge an opportunity of rendering helpful service to the weaker lodges. Unfortunately a few lodges misinterpreted the meaning, considering it as a scheme of raising more money for Grand Lodge. What a familiar ring that has right here in Alberta where by some every action by Grand Lodge is misunderstood and we hear of such remarks as "the usurpation of the rights of the constituent lodges."

New York has instituted a Committee on Fiduciary Relation whose duty it is "To spread knowledge of our works of charity in the hope that the need for the peculiar service we are rendering and the quality and efficiency of that service becoming known, our charities will be made objects of the solicitude and bounty of those charitably disposed souls seeking to do good with their money by gifts testamentary or otherwise."

R. W. William J. Wiley, who has been Superintendent of the Homes at Utica for twenty-five years or more, was honored by the brethren and Grand Lodge by conferring on him the distinction of M. W. Past Grand Master, with the status of permanent membership in Grand Lodge.

The gratitude of former members of the family at Utica is shown by the formation by what is known as a "Reminiscence Club." Among the objects of the club is to assist children hereafter leaving the Home to become adjusted to their new life; to render mutual aid and assistance to each other, and to provide wholesome social and recreational activities. A very laudable object indeed.

Many distinguished visitors were welcomed and given Grand Honors at this Communication among whom was M. W. Melvin M. Johnson a Past Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts and Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction, who returned to the Grand Lodge of New York a document formulating the Articles of Union of the two Grand Lodges existing in New York between 1849 and 1858.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the net loss in membership amounts to 14,166. However, though large, the loss is much less than a few years ago and an increase is shown in the number raised and affiliated.

The Grand Secretary endeavors to give a peep into the work of his office by explaining the efforts of his staff in reassembling and restoring all the old documents, especially those relative to the old Grand Stewards Lodge which was abolished in 1854. When completed all the old documents in the possession of Grand Lodge will be indexed and placed in books and will thus form a very valuable history of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Budgeting, Finance and Accounting, in their report recommended the accrual system instead of the Cash Receipts and Disbursements method of presenting the accounts of Grand Lodge. To this reviewer the report was very interesting, although Alberta has been following this method for some time.

From the report of the Judge Advocate we would cull the following for the edification of our brethren:

"A Secretary is a constitutional officer of a Lodge charged with definite obligations and duties. Moreover his personal acquaintance with his brethren and his knowledge of their circumstances and personalities are all factors in his usefulness and enter largely into his choice by his brethren. A Lodge, may not, therefore, divest its Secretary of his duties and turn them over to any outside agency, or to anyone other than a member of the Lodge, and a Secretary, although he may avail himself of such clerical assistance as he may require, may not divest himself of the responsibilities of his office."

"A By-law which provides for a classification of Candidates by age for the sole purpose of determining the amount of the initiation fee to be paid by each class is not unconstitutional or contrary to the regulations of Grand Lodge or of the principles of Masonry."

Should the Master of the Lodge wear a hat? This subject was discussed under the report of the Custodians. If interested read it, but when this reviewer was initiated, it was the custom of the Master of the Lodge to wear a silk hat, right here in Alberta.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder in the absence, through sickness, of the Chairman M. W. Bro. S. N. Sawyer. This is a very important Committee in the State of New York and their reports are carefully read and very often offer a lead to other Grand Jurisdictions in the matter of Fraternal recognition. The report on this occasion recommended that recognition be extended to the following Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge Masoneria Argentina, with headquarters at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Grand Orient of Rio Grande Do Sul at Porto Alegre, Brazil.

United Grand Lodge Oriental-Peninsular, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

The Grand Lodge of Paraguay, although recognised by a number of Grand Lodges, does not meet the requirements of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in an unequivocal belief in God, and as a result recognition under existing conditions was denied to Paraguay.

Pending fuller and more complete information, recognition was denied the following Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, at Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Grand Lodge Occidental de Columbia, State Cali, Columbia.

Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana, at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Unhappy schisms have disrupted the Fraternity in the Columbian Grand Lodges of Bogota and Cartagena, and as a result the Committee recommended that fraternal relations with these two Grand Lodges be cancelled and that the relations with Barranquilla remain undisturbed.

Difficulties having arisen in Egypt, the Committee recommended that relations with Egypt be suspended until it shall have been established which, if either, of the two Grand Lodges is entitled to recognition.

The report of the Board of General Activities which is fully set forth in the appendix of these proceedings affords opportunity for study and serious consideration by Masters of lodges who would seek to find ways and means of improving lodge meetings, and we would sincerely commend this report for their perusal.

The report on Foreign Correspondence has a foreword on the agitations going on in the world today against Masonry, especially from the Fascisti element, and they make an exhortation to the brethren within the Body of Freemasonry to stand fast to their principles and Landmarks.

We express our thanks to the Committee for the comprehensive review of Alberta and the kind references to our late Chairman, M. W. Bro. Selwood. The kindly remarks addressed to the reviewer are deeply appreciated.

M. W. Grand Master—Jacob C. Klinck.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Chas. H. Johnson.

W.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Proceedings ending June, 1934

We quote from the inaugural address of M. W. Bro. F. A. Maguire, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.:

"Every Masonic Lodge in the British Empire is dedicated to God and His service. Every candidate for membership declares his belief in the Supreme Being. Guidance from on High is sought step by step, keeping strictly aloof from all doctrinal differences and political divisions. It demands from its members, whatever their race, tongue or creed, a recognition of the Eternal, and of the Light which comes from above; loyalty to their country and obedience to its laws, with strict regard for the rights and liberty of their fellow men.

"It is true that not every member of the Craft fully lives up to such ideals, but the value of a system, whether of religion or morality, of government or of civilization, is to be gauged not from its failures, but from its fruits. No other organisation can assemble such a gathering of loyal adherents of vastly varying tongues and colours, races and creeds. The foundation of the Grand Lodge of England rested on the recognition by thinking men over two hundred years ago that, although men might differ in political and religious views, yet at the same time they may be, and can be, men of uprightness, morality and integrity. Provided that a man believed in God, and was an upright and decent-living citizen, he was not excluded from Masonry. And it was once laid down, and the rule holds good to-day, 'that a Mason is obliged to obey the moral law, not to be irreligious or an atheist, and never to act against the dictates of his conscience.'

"And Masonry is growing strongly and healthily. The question is often asked WHY does it continue to grow so well. Perhaps the best answer is that Masonry teaches the value of tolerance.

"Freemasonry acts as a firm anchorage to many who are faced with difficulties and dangers, to realise that brotherly love between men is a thing of greater moment than creeds or politics; that it is better to help than to hurt; that loyalty is the greatest point of friendship; that the care of those who are left behind is a sacred duty."

On a later occasion referring to initiations the Grand Master quoted:

"I pointed out that it was open to any member of a Lodge to object to the advancement of a candidate who required undue prompting in his examination, such objection being effective if supported by a simple majority."

The Grand Master ordered that the practice of entertaining ladies at the Lodge South must cease. It had been found that for some time some members of the Craft had been joining an organization styling itself "Universal Co-Masonry," an institution that permitted membership by men and women and pretended to be Masonic. Grand Lodge took the stand that not only would members be expelled from Masonry for joining this organization, but that anybody who ever had belonged was not eligible for membership.

The Grand Master drew the attention of Grand Lodge to occasional instances of using Christian hymns in Lodge. In this connection he said:

"I have no intention of disparaging these hymns, many of which are very beautiful, but the proper place in which to sing them is a church, and not a Masonic Lodge, to which members of all religious beliefs are admitted. Some years ago R. W. Bro. Canon Jose, then Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, touched on this matter at a Masonic gathering at Adelaide, and as I entirely concur with his remarks, I will quote them. He said:

"Incidentally, may I be allowed, as one who is proud to be an officer of the Christian Church, to utter a warning hint? It is to deprecate the practice, in which it is easy for Lodges consisting almost wholly of Christians to allow themselves to indulge, of singing hymns or uttering sentiments in open Lodge, which are distinctively Christian in expression. I know of more than one instance in which a brother of another faith has been made to feel uncomfortable thereby, and has resolved to absent himself in future. The more devout in his faith and Christ-like in his life a Christian brother proves himself, the more any true Mason will respect him; but the Lodge Room is not a church, and our charter provides for the admission to our order of men of any creed, provided they practise the sacred duties of morality and believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth."

"I may add that my remarks apply equally to Christian emblems, such as the Cross, which, I am informed, has on occasions been exhibited at Anzac meetings."

It was recommended that the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence be published separately from the Proceedings of Grand Lodge and distributed among the Grand Lodges, a procedure with which this reviewer is strictly in sympathy. We presume that this was done as the Report was not published with the Proceedings.

E.T.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES Proceedings ending June, 1935

The Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction meets quarterly.

Among other matters the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. F. A. Maguire, dealt with the following:

It had been reported to him that in some Lodges it was the custom for the Secretary and Organist to remain standing during the ceremony

of opening the Lodge in the various degrees. This he described as "unseemly" and ordered it to stop.

The following is an extract from his remarks dealing with the Order of the Eastern Star:

"I have had submitted to me a letter from the agent for one of our suburban Masonic Halls, asking whether it would be permissible to let the public portion of same to a body known as 'The Order of the Eastern Star,' and I had no hesitation in directing that a reply be sent instructing that no Masonic Temple, or any portion of same, should be let to any organization admitting women to membership and claiming association with Masonry. I have been informed that some of our suburban Masonic Halls have accepted such bodies as tenants, and, if this be so, I now direct that steps be taken by the Trustees of such Halls to terminate the tenancies at the earliest possible date. I would also point out that members of our Order attending the meetings of such bodies are guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason. At the March Communication in 1933, this matter was referred to in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which expressed the opinion that it was undesirable that Masons "should associate themselves in their Masonic capacity with any outside body." That opinion was endorsed by Grand Lodge, and any Brother disregarding it by visiting these bodies—which he can only do as a Mason—is flouting the expressed wishes of Grand Lodge and proving himself disloyal to the Craft. Furthermore, if such conduct were allowed to go unchecked, it would jeopardise our status with other Grand Lodges, especially the Grand Lodge of England, in which observance of the Standard of Recognition in this respect is strongly insisted upon. I would also draw attention to the following resolution, carried at the Masonic Conference at Sydney in July, 1928, which recommends to the Grand Lodges of Australia:

"(a) That no Freemason be permitted to attend any Meeting of, or be a member of, the Order of the Eastern Star."

"(b) That no Meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star be permitted in any Lodge Room'."

He ruled that visitors should be received singly and not in batches, except in the case of an official visit from another Lodge.

He noted that the membership of the Craft in that Jurisdiction had increased from Five Thousand in 1881 to Seventy Thousand in 1929, the peak year, and at the present time had receded to about Sixty Thousand, but that the numbers were beginning to increase.

Considerable trouble is being caused in the jurisdiction owing to the differences between the Royal Arch Bodies which is leading to dissension among the members of the Blue Lodges. At his suggestion the Grand Master received authority from the Grand Lodge to take whatever action he, in his discretion, thought advisable to settle the trouble.

On the occasion of Anzac Day ceremonies the Grand Master delivered a most eloquent address, too long, however, to be quoted here.

The Grand Master moved an address to His Majesty King George V on the occasion of his Jubilee, which motion was carried unanimously.

Petitions for new Lodges were refused but the Report does not state upon what grounds.

We notice one Brother was given a life membership in recognition of his donation to a certain Masonic fund.

A pleasing occurrence was the donation by the Marchioness of Lincolnshire of the Masonic Regalia of her late husband, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Grand Lodge made alterations in its burial service to provide for cremation.

A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Palestine was refused following the example of the Grand Lodge of England.

The council of the William Thompson Masonic Schools presented a detailed report. This institution now has in residence over three hundred children—over one hundred girls and nearly two hundred boys. This fund helps the children until they are nearly twenty-one years of age.

A very readable report on the Foreign Correspondence Committee is printed with the Proceedings. This Report is in topical form and deals at considerable length with the various topics, discussing how the various matters develop or are dealt with in the various jurisdictions. It is one of the best reports we have seen.

E.T.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Proceedings ending June, 1936

On the installation of the new Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Hon. Sir Alexander Hore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., formerly Governor of South Australia and Grand Master of the jurisdiction, there was a large attendance from the other Australian jurisdictions, some having travelled fifteen hundred miles to attend.

We quote the following portions of the Grand Master's inauguration address:

"As we grow older we realise that the greatest satisfaction we have in life is when we are engaged in some occupation which we feel is well worth while, so I can assure you, Brethren, that any effort I may make on behalf of the Craft will be a labour of love and will give me an enormous amount of personal satisfaction. I feel that anything we can do to promote the influence, ideals, and principles of Freemasonry is never wasted effort, and is work that is not only of value to the Craft, but through the Craft to the community at large. We know that Freemasonry is not merely a Society distinguished by impressive regalia and set formula and ritual, but that it is a virile organism living in an atmosphere of brotherly love, truth, honour, and charity, of the highest ideals and principles, an organism which cannot fail to be a dominating factor in elevating the character of the nation.

"But I realise, through past experience, that the Office of Grand Master is no sinecure. In a great organisation like ours questions will

no doubt arise from time to time on which Brethren have divergent views. Decisions will be taken by Grand Lodge on which all the Brethren may not be in accord. We may not all agree on details of policy. But in these days of fierce disruption and unrest in the world outside, unity in our own ranks is of supreme importance. So let us be prepared to sink minor differences in order to achieve great results and the prestige and prosperity of the Craft.

"So if at any time you are not in complete agreement with decisions arrived at by Grand Lodge, bear in mind these points:

- "(1) That these decisions have been reached after careful consideration from every angle, and possibly from data not always available to the Brethren at large.
- "(2) That Grand Lodge is out to help and not to hinder, to lubricate the delicate and complicated machinery of our great organisation.
- "(3) That these decisions are reached with one object, and one object only: the welfare of the Craft as a whole.

"So that my message to the Brethren tonight is to cultivate that spirit of harmony which is the essence of Freemasonry. To set an example of goodwill and give and take inside and outside our Lodges, remembering that it is more by example than precept that we can make our influence felt. I give you this message to-night, the first message I give you as your Grand Master, because I am convinced that unity, peace, and concord should be the guiding principle of our Institution."

The retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. F. A. Maguire, gave a very impressive address characterized by good feeling and common sense, and concluded with the following verse:

"We live for those who love us,
For those who know us true.
For the Heaven that smiles above us,
And waits our coming, too;
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do."

M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Leslie O. Wilson, Grand Master of Queensland, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Grand Master, said in part as follows:

"My missions have taken me into many lands, and I have often been struck by the thought that there is no other association of men, no other sphere of activity, in which all men, of whatever class, creed, or religion, can meet on common ground to learn their civil, moral, and religious duties as Freemasons can and do. And here lies the power and vitality, and the great responsibility of the Craft."

The M. W. Grand Master drew the attention of the Masters of the lodges to their duty to maintain the high dignity of all Masonic social gatherings. He also ruled against Masonic Sunday picnics.

The reports of the supervising officers visiting the various lodges show that a great many travel by aeroplane owing to the great distances, probably due to the same reason some of the lodges have not been visited by Grand Lodge officers for many years, in one case for over thirty years.

Several members of lodges were suspended for contravening the Edict of the M. W. Grand Master by attending Meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is given in "topical" form and is very interesting.

A portion of the installation address of M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson when installed as Grand Master of New Zealand, is quoted as follows:

"Brethren, I have seen a good deal of the Craft in different parts of the world, and the solidarity of Masonic brotherhood is something to be proud of. Masonry knows no colour, no creed, no language, no caste. I have seen on the Pedestal, at one meeting of Masonic lodges in India, the Volumes of the Sacred Law of four, or even five, religious beliefs. Truly, as Rudyard Kipling has said in his poem, 'The Mother Lodge':

" 'We'd say 'twas highly curious,
And we'd all ride home to bed,
With Mahomet, God, and Shiva
Changing pickets in our head.' "

"But herein lies the great strength of Masonry—bringing us all into one great brotherhood, in which we are all joined together by the beliefs which we learn in our Masonic teachings, and which, in our ordinary lives, tend, I trust, to make us better citizens and better men."

The various reports show that Masonry in that Jurisdiction is emerging from the depression with increase of membership and improving in financial condition.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Chas. B. Newcomb, Grand Master.

The absence of Alberta's representative is to be regretted.

Distinguished visitors included the Grand Masters of District of Columbia, Virginia and South Carolina, the two latter being accompanied by their Grand Secretaries.

Since repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment dealing with the sale of intoxicating liquor the question has arisen of the attitude of Freemasonry to those engaged in the lawful sale and manufacture of it. The Grand Master sent out a letter in which he interpreted their law and in it he said "the solution of this question can be safely left within the jurisdiction of each lodge where the facts of each case in all details may be more readily determined. In any event their action is subject to review by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

"However in deference to the conscientious opinion of a substantial number of our brethren and in the interests of harmony, the serving of intoxicating liquors, ale or beer in any Masonic Hall or in the refreshment rooms thereof or at any gathering of Masons in the name of Masonry is hereby forbidden."

M. W. Bro. Newcomb rightly castigates those who would make horse play out of our degrees. "It is utterly impossible to make a serious impression on a candidate who has been brought laughing to the door by friends who have spent their leisure time for weeks telling him absurd and ridiculous stories as to what would happen to him. If a few of these self appointed comedians were brought before the altar some night by a Master with courage and given a good reprimand it would materially benefit the Order."

The commission of one D.D.G.M. was revoked for failure to reply to correspondence. Fortunately these occurrences are rare. All officers do not discharge their duties with equal fidelity and so a little discipline now and then is good. It has always seemed to me that Past rank to all Grand Lodge officers should be dependent upon the faithful discharge of their duties and attendance at the Annual Communication.

Life membership received this attention: "The prevailing opinion seems to be that any provision in the by-laws of a lodge for life membership is unwise and fraught with danger. Especially if there is provision for automatic life membership upon completion of a fixed period or if the by-laws permit of complete exemption of life members from financial contribution toward the support of Masonic work and charity. Some lodges with automatic life membership have as high as 20 to 27 per cent of their entire membership on such basis. How can a lodge with minimum dues continue under such conditions to discharge its financial obligations, and do any amount of charity work?"

Like many other jurisdictions North Carolina has been bothered by certain organizations predicated their membership upon Craft Masons, who attempt to raise money by lottery. That these organizations need funds to carry on is not questioned. Surely though the time has not arrived when to obtain the necessary funds these organizations must resort to violation of statutory law!

On the state of the Craft we find: "Nothing will hasten the downfall of Masonry faster than an endeavor to make of it a popular order. Our success depends not so much upon the number as the general character and moral standing of those who march under its banners."

Recommendations included a commission form of trial, annual returns to contain financial statement of lodge and simplification of the procedure for dealing with dues delinquents.

North Carolina adopted the Lodge Plan of Education with much the same success as it has met with in Alberta. It was felt however that it should not be left to the discretion of the lodge to carry out, but rather should be a Grand Lodge program. They use certain of Carl Claudy's books which are presented to each initiate for instruction.

The Educational Loan Fund continues to lend aid to needy students as fast as the loans outstanding are repaid. Unfortunately a considerable number of the delinquent borrowers regard the loan as a gift and show little responsibility in attempting to repay. Consequently it has been necessary to apply some pressure and some accounts have been placed with collection agencies. The one school where the loans have been a success is where unusual care is given in the selection of worthy students and then made to Seniors only.

The Sesqui-Centennial of Grand Lodge is to be held in 1938. Certain historical papers prepared under the able direction of Edward J. Allen will be read at that time.

No report of Foreign Correspondence is included in the Proceedings.

Lodges, 350. Membership, 27,448. Loss, 844.

M. W. Grand Master, J. Giles Hudson.

R. W. Grand Secretary, J. H. Anderson:

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Forty-seventh Annual Communication, June 16 and 17, 1936, at Fargo.

M. W. Bro. Lewis K. Thompson, opened Grand Lodge in full form, with every Grand Officer being in his station with the exception of two, who appeared later in the session. There was also an excellent attendance of the brethren. The Flag of the United States was presented, and the brethren recited the pledge of allegiance, after which "America, the Beautiful" was sung.

The Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdictions of Montana and Minnesota were presented, and received cordial welcomes. The Grand Secretary noted with regret the absence of the Grand Masters of South Dakota and Manitoba.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance, and their presence fittingly acknowledged.

The two surviving resident Charter members, Past Grand Master James McDonald and Honorary Past Grand Master Louis B. Hanna, were unavoidably absent, but nevertheless a tribute was paid to them in a moving address by Past Grand Master Forkner.

Seven Fifty-Year Masons were received.

The Grand Master recalled that a year ago when he was installed prosperity seemed "just around the corner," crop conditions were promising, and everything pointed to a year of hopefulness, but within a very short time those conditions were changed, and the prosperity they anticipated had vanished. In the face of these adversities they had not faltered, but as their pioneer brethren had done before them they had put on the armour of their united forces, and with renewed determination of purpose had kept on going, with the result that they were then stronger in quality, in finances, in zeal and courage, thus demonstrating that in unity there was power.

North Dakota had been flooded with lottery and gambling device schemes, sponsored by organizations for some of which the prerequisite for membership was that he be a Mason in good standing. This situation is not peculiar to North Dakota. Apparently the snake has only been scotched, not killed.

It was recommended that a definite ruling as to 3.2 beer be made. The Jurisprudence Committee, to which this matter was referred, pointed out in its Report that the Supreme Court of North Dakota

had decided that 3.2 beer was in fact intoxicating, and that, therefore, there could be no question that the engaging in the sale of this beverage rendered a candidate ineligible to receive Masonic degrees.

One member of a Subordinate Lodge had been ordered to appear to receive a reprimand, and one had been ordered suspended.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer showed all the various funds in good condition.

The Grand Secretary reported the Suspensions N.P.D. to have been nearly 200 fewer than in the preceding year, and the net loss to have been 487, as against 818 for 1934.

Recognition was withdrawn from certain German Grand Lodges. The reason given was that since the rise of Hitler to power, and the death of liberty in Germany, Freemasonry had ceased to exist in that country. This looks like a wise decision.

Regret was expressed that the Washington National Memorial on Shooter's Hill, Virginia, is at a standstill for lack of funds. Masons everywhere will echo this feeling.

To meet an emergency in the funds of Grand Lodge a special resolution was adopted to the effect that for the year 1937 only the collection of the Home or Hospital Fund be waived, the 50 cents per capita be designated an emergency assessment, the proceeds of the assessment be paid to the Grand Lodge with the returns of 1937, divided on the basis of 30 cents into the General Fund, and 20 cents into the Masonic Service and Education Fund.

Fraternal Correspondence was in charge of M. W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin, P.G.M., and consists of a careful and painstaking review of all Grand Jurisdictions within the United States, together with that of the Philippine Islands, beyond which he does not travel. His Foreword, reproduced from the Grand Lodge Proceedings of North Carolina, and containing a critical analysis of current conditions and tendencies the world over, is well worth a careful perusal by all Masons and liberal-minded men everywhere.

M. W. Grand Master—William H. Hutchinson, Wahpeton.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.

C.V.B.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-first Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Halifax on Wednesday, 10th June, 1936, M. W. Bro. Gardner, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta was not represented.

M. W. Bro. Kemp, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was in attendance.

The Grand Master attended all the District Meetings and on each occasion had a substantial retinue of Grand Lodge officers. He attended thirty-four lodge meetings and seven other meetings. A full account of all these visits is given in his address.

A letter was addressed by the Grand Master to all lodges dealing with loss of membership. His suggestions are:

"(1)—Go over the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past ten years, and list all the members of your lodge who have been suspended. You will find these names listed in the Proceedings under the head of 'Suspended.' Appoint a small special committee, carefully selected, to go over this list and approach those WHOSE MEMBERSHIP YOU CONSIDER SHOULD BE REGAINED.

"(2)—Make a list of all your dimitted members for the past ten years. Some have withdrawn because of financial reasons which may have now passed, others possibly because of some real or fancied grievance. It is your duty in every case to make an honest Masonic effort to secure their reaffiliation. Let the same committee take this also in hand at once.

"(3)—In addition to these two possibilities, there are in practically every community a number of unaffiliated Masons. Approach them and persuade them to affiliate with your Lodge."

Jewels are being presented to those who have been members of the Craft for fifty years.

A conference was held between a committee from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and this jurisdiction. The former were seeking information as to the operating and financing of the Masonic Home with a view to taking concrete action for the caring of their own aged Masons.

The Grand Master recommends that appointees to Grand Lodge office should receive a Certificate of such appointment. This practice obtains in most jurisdictions. We agree with the suggestion.

The Grand Secretary reports a net loss of 184 in membership as against 346 in 1933. It would appear as if Nova Scotia had reached "The turn of the Tide."

The Committee on Charity reports grants of \$1,088.80. This, of course, is exclusive of the cost of operating the Masonic Home and taking care of "outside" cases—a total of \$16,464.00.

The Grand Historian, M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, reports substantial progress in compiling histories of various lodges. Thirteen lodges are still in default in this respect. Valuable additions have been made to the Masonic Museum.

A tentative programme of the Bi-centenary celebration is published and that date suggested in the middle of July, 1938. The event promises to be exceedingly interesting and attractive.

A charter was granted to Markland Lodge, No. 99.

Two lodges tied in the competition for the ritual proficiency shield and in accordance with usual practice it was awarded to the smaller lodge, Curren, No. 68.

The establishment of a permanent Board of Masonic Education is recommended.

Fraternal recognition is extended to The National Grand Lodge of Roumania at Bucharest. Recognition was refused to The Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile and the Grand Orient in Libanon. This

jurisdiction having recognized a Grand Lodge in Mexico did not accede to a request for recognition from another body in Mexico. Similar action was taken regarding a manifesto from the Gran Logia de la Republic de Colombia and from what is obviously a spurious body the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge F. and A. M. Jurisdiction of Mississippi.

The reports of the several D.D.G.M.'s are very readable and full of interest but deal with purely local matters.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals deals with several cases in which the names of the accused are published in full. This practice was discontinued in Alberta some years ago.

In the report of Fraternal Correspondence from the pen of M. W. Bro. Jones, Grand Secretary, Alberta is generously and extensively reviewed.

G.M.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication held at Dayton, October 21st, 1936. M. W. Bro. Elmer R. Arn, Grand Master presiding.

Lodges 623. Membership 178,464. Gain 1,372.

Alberta was represented by Bro. John P. McCune, Grand Representative.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters and many distinguished visitors, including the Grand Master of Michigan were present and cordially received.

Grand Master Arn began his year with "Ohio must not show a loss in membership in 1936." And, as the figures disclose, Ohio didn't. To change a recorded loss of 5,146 in 1935 to a gain of 1,372 in 1936 is an about face of which any Grand Master may well be proud.

Nor is the gain altogether material for the Grand Master records: "I am deeply impressed and encouraged by the values that are being placed upon the 'Unseen'—the spiritual values. During the past six years we have received a severe shock from worshipping almost entirely at the altar of Mammon, 'at the things seen'."

The passing of two Past Grand Masters, Barton Smith and Charles L. Minor, is recorded with sympathy and respect.

We note with interest that our Ohio brethren confer the Past Master's Degree, if it has not already been conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, on Masters Elect at special meetings called by District Lecturers for instructional purposes and not, as is our custom, at the installation and investiture of the officers of each lodge.

The returns of the District Lecturers, (our District Deputy Grand Masters) all report "Proficiency in ritualistic work, increased enthusiasm for programs of Masonic information, improvement in financial conditions of the local lodges, together with a marked increase in the number of candidates."

The active part of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in relieving sufferers in the floods of 1936 is modestly recorded. We heartily sympathize

with our Ohio brethren in the 1937 repetition of the flood calamity and know that as Masons they will do their duty in this time of terrible need.

The Grand Master's Conference of the United States is quietly but none the less enthusiastically noted. From the Agenda, quoted in full, we note the main headings, all intriguing topics in any jurisdiction.

1. Gambling Devices and Lotteries. Their use by Lodges.
2. Advantages or Disadvantages of a Board of General Purposes or Policies in the Grand Lodge. How should it be constituted and with what functions should it be endowed.
3. The place of the social club in the Lodge.
4. The Mason as a citizen.
5. The Masonic attitude toward subversive activities.
6. Conferring Degrees in Masonry. (With special reference to the time lapse between degrees and the opportunity of the Third Degree).
7. How may Masters of Lodges be trained in advance, so that upon assuming office they will be better prepared to administer the affairs of the Lodge efficiently. (This does not relate to ritualistic efficiency).

Father and son meetings are popular in Ohio. This seems one way to answer the challenge and this reviewer has made it himself, that Freemasonry appears to be losing its attraction for the young men.

An outstanding comment in the Grand Master's address is his very complete statement regarding gambling and lotteries carried on by organizations predicated their membership on Freemasonry. Here is a very complete statement of the case and leaves no doubt whatever that Ohio is determined to wipe out this nuisance and economically unsound pest.

From the Grand Secretary's report we quote the following triumphant sentence: "Masonry in Ohio has indeed experienced, during the past year, a most impressive forward and upward movement. We may rejoice greatly at the many signal accomplishments both material and spiritual." Congratulations!

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Service and Information we quote a sentence: "The conclusion has been reached that Freemasonry, being a voluntary organization, we cannot hope to force education on its members, but correct information can be disseminated through Lodge programs in such a way as to leave on the mind an imprint that will have a salutary effect upon the Craft."

The committee submits a list of programs for special social evenings in lodge, among them being "Father and Son Night; Grand Lodge Night; Reconsecration Night" and a number of others similar to special nights already in vogue in Alberta. Incidentally "Father and Son Night" is reported as a specially happy celebration.

The historically minded will find two excellent historical essays on Early Ohio Freemasonry and Masonic Bibles.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence in which very kindly and sympathetic reference is made to the passing of M. W. Bro.

Frederick S. Selwood and in which Alberta as always receives generous fraternal recognition closes a fine report.

One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication to be held at Cleveland, October 20th and 21st, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—J. Philip Perry, Jefferson.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A. M. M.

OKLAHOMA

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was convened in Ponca City on February 11th, 1936 with M. W. Bro. Jos. Drout, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

M. W. Bro. O. R. Souders, Grand Master of Kansas, M. W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Grand Secretary of Kansas and M. W. Bro. J. E. Meurman, a Past Grand Master of the State of Idaho, were introduced and received with Grand Honors.

We are pleased to note the presence of the Grand Representative of Alberta when the roll was called.

The address of the Grand Master discloses a year of hard and difficult work in an endeavour to rehabilitate the funds and resources of Grand Lodge and he deserves every credit for his wonderful achievements. The State Authorities came to the assistance of Benevolent Institutions not supported by taxation by making a per capita grant on the Orphans within the Homes. One new lodge was constituted by the Grand Master. A tri-state meeting of the Masons of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma was convened at Joplin in September, 1935, and was productive of much good.

In an effort to revitalise the lodges a Reconstruction Meeting was called by all the lodges. In preparation of this meeting the Grand Lodge mailed to each member of the Craft a copy of the Masonic Review in which appeared Articles dealing with Masonic Charity, re-instatement of suspended members, the payment of dues and the Endowment Fund. Reports from the D.D.G.M.'s show that these meetings met with wonderful success, attracting at least 60% of the membership to attend.

The Grand Master during the tenure of his office convened Grand Lodge on six different occasions for the purpose of Laying Foundation Stones of as many Public Buildings.

Many and varied are the questions propounded to a Grand Master but the one submitted to Grand Master Drout asking if it were permissible to allow a "Prize Fight" in the lodge room, must go down on record as one of the greatest "Boners."

It is seldom given to the lot of a Past Grand Master to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of his installation as a Grand Master and to M. W. Bro. T. C. Humphry we offer our sincerest fraternal greetings and congratulations and express the hope he may be long spared to continue the Masonic work he so dearly loves.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we cull the following paragraph:

"It is with much pride that I report that our net loss is the smallest since the enactment of the automatic suspension law, and the constituent lodges are in better shape than for many years past."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations we find the following:

"In regard to the report on page 129 of the 1935 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, we would recommend that the exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Orient of Italy, Lessing zu den drie Ringen at Prague, Czechoslovakian Republic, Grand Lodge Nationale Independent Reguliere pour la France and les Colonies Francaise, Paris, France, and the Grand Orient du Liban, Prague, Czechoslovakia be refused at the present time."

M. W. Bro. Thos. C. Humphrey in the preparation of his report on Foreign Correspondence endeavours to give the "high lights" of each Grand Lodge Proceedings coming under his perview, and he certainly treated Alberta well, and we thank him for this consideration.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John L. Stuart, Shattuck.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon, Guthrie.

W.I.

OREGON

Eighty-sixth Annual Communication, June 10, 11, 12, 1936.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, Portland. M. W. Bro. H. Wayne Stanard, Grand Master, presided.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Grand Representative of Alberta apparently failed to answer the Roll Call.

Bro. Joseph K. Carson, Jr., Mayor of Portland, delivered a welcoming speech in very felicitous terms.

The condition of Subordinate Lodges all over the State, with a few exceptions, was reported healthy. Their finances were in better shape than during the previous year, and there was a marked increase in the number of petitions for initiation.

The District Deputy Grand Masters had worked earnestly and conscientiously for the good of Masonry in their respective districts.

The Grand Master must have had a strenuous time in making the number of visitations recorded, as the list is a long one.

Two corner stones had been laid, the first being that of the new Post Office at Hood River, and the second that of the new Federal Building at Grants Pass. A rather unique ceremony was that of raising from the corner stone of the State Capitol Building in Salem, which had been destroyed by fire in April, 1935, the casket containing 83 separate articles which had been placed in the cavern of the stone

when laid in August, 1873. The same Trowel was used on both occasions.

The new Masonic Temple of Sandy Lodge No. 158 was dedicated.

Twice during the year the Grand Master had refused to approve of lotteries fostered by organizations whose membership is composed wholly of Masons. Apparently Masons cannot get their minds off this plan which in practically every instance is contrary to the established law, as well as to the spirit of Masonry.

The Masonic Employment Bureau reported the placement of 1,145 men and women during the year. Many of these placements developed into permanent positions. The Masonic Board of Relief also is doing excellent work, and reported a very successful year.

The Oration by the Grand Orator, Bro. Arthur Berridge, was entitled "Dreaming and Doing," and covered a very wide range of thought and matter.

The net loss in membership was 853. This was a better showing than during the previous year.

The sum of \$67,813.97 had been expended in charity.

Thirty-six Fifty Year Buttons had been distributed.

An apparently long standing source of irritation among Warren Lodge No. 10, Medford Lodge No. 103 and Central Point Lodge No. 135, was settled by granting concurrent jurisdiction to the three lodges over the territory.

Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, Executive Director of the Order of De Molay, was presented, and made a strong plea for the support of that Order by Masons. The Grand Master testified as to its worth.

A great deal of statistical report is contained in the Proceedings which contains about five hundred pages. But we do not notice any direction that it must be read in open Lodge.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand Master Otto C. Hagmeier, Foreign Correspondent, and makes a Supplement of 180 pages. To this reviewer and at this distance the Supplement resembles the Postscript in a letter—the most important part. Bro. Hagmeier has decided views on many matters, and believes in expressing them. His style is conversational and chatty, and if he disagrees he will not offend. We greatly enjoyed his production. Out of the Report of North Carolina, from where so many good things come, he clipped this tribute to a departed Mason which we cannot forbear repeating here: "Brother Stanfield was a simon-pure Methodist circuit rider in a gasoline age. For three decades he served the folk of the country side. The country people loved him and trusted him, because he built them churches, won men to Christ, comforted the sick and afflicted, became the friend of the neglected and buried the dead. When the presiding Bishop appointed him to shepherd a new flock of Methodist saints and sinners he answered the call also to be of service to every Mason within the bounds of his charge. He polished many a rough Ashlar in the quarries of Masonry. He served his day and generation in many manifold

ways faithfully, conscientiously and advantageously. The Summons of the Supreme Grand Master found him worthy and well qualified. "God rest him forever in the Palace of the King." So mote it be.

M. W. Grand Master—R. Frank Peters, Hillsboro.

R. W. Grand Secretary—D. Rufus Cheney, Portland.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Communication of the M. W. The Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia on December 28th, 1936, with R. W. Bro. Harold N. Rust, Grand Master, presiding, with Quarterly Communications held on March 4th, June 3rd, September 2nd, and December 14th.

The most interesting part of the Abstract of Proceedings of Pennsylvania is that of the Quarterly Communication of September 2nd, 1936, when the Grand Lodge celebrated its Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary. Among the distinguished visitors at this celebration were the Grand Masters of Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Delaware. The Grand Master, in an address of welcome, explained that in 1931 they celebrated the two hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Pennsylvania, while the present programme was designed to celebrate the formation of Grand Lodge following the War of Independence and the secession from the Grand Lodge of England. Brother Harry S. Borneman delivered an address on the history leading up to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. George Ross Hull delivered an address on Pennsylvania whereby he traced the history of the evolution of his State in particular reference to the Arts and Sciences.

Probably the most interesting address, from the point of view of and outsider, is that of Rev. Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a writer of no mean ability on Masonic subjects. The pearls of wisdom that fall from his lips should be taken to heart by all good Masons, and on this occasion he dealt with the attitude of the Dictator and the Masonic Lodge, and we quote the following:

"The record shows that in lands where they have a dictator, Masonry has been outlawed. Masonry cannot exist and flourish except in lands where there is a free atmosphere. New ideas and ideals as to the handling of society and functions of the state have arrived. Ideals alien to the whole fabric of our Fraternity in the English speaking lands are here. The question is, what do we intend to do with them? Is it to be fascism or communism? The idea of the corporate state accords no more with American Democracy than the idea of communistic dictatorship. On every side it looks as if Masonry is facing a crisis. We are passing through a spiritual disintegration at the present time, and I hope it will go no further. At any rate we learn that the principle they wish to make effective today is the plight of society. It is a formula whereby the state become the citizen, not the citizen the state."

It is noted from the address of the Grand Master that Home Assistance Fund for adults was established by the Grand Lodge during the year. It operates on a 50-50 basis, Grand Lodge and the Members Subordinate Lodge sharing the expense.

The invitations from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and also the Grand Lodge of Sweden had to be declined by reason of the fact that the dates of these functions conflicted with the meeting of Grand Lodge.

A very pleasing interlude in the session of Grand Lodge was the Testimonial of Appreciation presented to Bro. John A. Perry on his completion of twenty-five years service as Grand Secretary. Our congratulations to Bro. Perry and may he be spared many more years of useful service to Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania does not publish a review of Foreign Correspondence.

Harold N. Rust, R. W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Twenty-fourth Annual Communication held at Manila, January 28th, 1936. In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, Grand Master.

Lodges 104. Membership 5,316. Loss 142.

Alberta was represented.

The difference of opinion as to the right of the Philippines entering China still exists, the Grand Master regretfully commenting "The efforts made by us to bring about a reconciliation have been fruitless, we cannot but deplore this situation and continue on the course marked out to us by our Masonic duty and the dictates of our conscience."

An endeavor to compose the difference as between the Philippines and Massachusetts was made but without success. So for constituting Lodges in allegedly occupied territory the Philippines have had recognition withdrawn by England, Ireland, Scotland, Massachusetts, Victoria and the National Grand Lodge of France. We do not wish to enter the controversy and have taken no action to disturb fraternal relations.

Dispensation for two new lodges in Chengtu and Hangchow, both in China, were granted. We note with interest that a number of Canadian brethren are associated with the first named, Szechuen Lodge at Chengtu. Maranaw Lodge No. 111 was constituted at Dansalan in the Islands.

The Grand Master reports the extraordinary performance of having visited all of his active lodges except one. Truly a commendable feat!

An unusual incident is recorded when Major General Douglas MacArthur, military adviser to the Government of the Philippines was "made a Mason at sight."

On the vexed question of why Masons leave Masonry, Grand Master speaks his mind:

"Some have expressed disappointment in Masonry. Why? Because they have become members from wrong motives. No one

needs to think he can mold the institution to his preconceived pattern. No one will be able to commercialize it to his benefit. No one can use it to climb the social ladder, and also it is impossible for one to find it a shield to escape punishment for crime, treason or other violation of law. Only a brief period is necessary for the Craft to discover if a newcomer is exploiting his membership for self-aggrandizement or, as is usually said, 'to work the fraternity,' then he is in bad repute, shunned, and soon drops out—disappointed, to 'knock' the institution. Many there have been of this character, and yet Masonry endures and thrives."

In the matter of suspension for non-payment of dues one of the items in the Report of a Special Committee is terse enough to be noteworthy:

"No Lodge should allow a member to be suspended for non-payment of dues without being certain (1) that he has been notified; (2) that he has had a reasonable time; and (3) that he has the ability to pay and that the neglect is culpable."

Grand Master Hawthorne issued an Edict against soliciting candidates for membership. Here is the meat of that Edict:

"... To solicit a man to become a Mason is to invite him to make twice, upon his honor, a statement which both he and his sponsors must know to be false.

"Anything dishonest is unmasonic, and the soliciting of candidates for the degrees of Masonry being unmasonic, I hereby declare that such soliciting constitutes a Masonic offense . . ."

The attention of District Deputy Grand Masters is specially directed to "An Inspector's Creed" appearing on page 29 of these Proceedings. We regret that space limits prevent our reproducing it in full.

Grand Lodge funds are reported as "far from satisfactory" apparently due to unprofitable investments.

Freemasonry has active enemies in the Philippines, we gather, and one method used to combat them was a series of radio talks "for the purpose of enlightening the general public on the character, aims and ideals of the Masonic Fraternity . . ."

Lodges are being encouraged to organize and conduct classes in their lodge rooms for illiterate persons, the teachers being members of the Fraternity. A noble work.

Reading the Proceedings of a jurisdiction like the Philippines is a heartening experience, emphasizing as it does the problems met and solved by wholehearted men. Many of the problems, it is true, are peculiar to the jurisdiction, but more than one sound hint of what can be done elsewhere is included.

Twenty-fifth Annual Communication, Manila, January 26th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—Conrado Benitez, Manila.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Teodoro M. Kalaw, Manila.

A.M.M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Hunter River on 24th June, 1936, M. W. Bro. Ernest Kemp, the Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master makes reference to the death of His Majesty King George the Fifth and to the passing of that outstanding figure in English Freemasonry, Lord Amptill, who occupied the position of Pro Grand Master for twenty-six years.

The Grand Master paid an official visit to every lodge in his jurisdiction. He reports a healthy active condition in all lodges.

It is somewhat surprising to learn that very few Past Masters in this jurisdiction have received their Past Master's Degree. The necessary ceremonials have been received and placed in the hands of lodge officers so that this condition has now been remedied.

Under decisions we find a ruling that an applicant for initiation who was balloted on and accepted, but who had moved away before initiation and was absent for four years, could not be initiated until he had resided twelve months in the jurisdiction and until his application had been dealt with in the usual way. We respectfully agree.

The Grand Master was able to be present at the Annual Communication of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master received a letter purporting to be from the Stringer Grand Lodge of Mississippi under an address in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Grand Master very properly ignored this communication.

He reports a decrease in membership, leaving a total of 1,110 on the rolls.

In a period of five years there were 142 suspensions N.P.D. On this subject he has this to say:

"Do we make the same investigation before we suspend a Brother as we do when a candidate applies for admission into our Order? Or, because a Brother's dues are not paid, do we merely issue a Summons and let it go at that? I have often heard it said, there is more harm done by the white ballot than by the black—it looks as though this is true."

He goes on to suggest that the cause of so many suspensions should be investigated and if possible remedied.

Benevolent activities are well maintained and the sum of \$750.00 was expended.

Again there is an interesting report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The report is general in its terms, but the condition of Masonry in Continental Europe is dealt with at some length. Much valuable information is given and we are thereby reminded forcibly of the privileges and liberties which we enjoy in the British Commonwealth.

G.M.B.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held at Montreal on 12th February, 1936.

We regret very much to notice the death of R. W. Bro. Sornberger who represented Alberta for so many years and we welcome the appointment of R. W. Bro. C. E. Christie to take his place.

Before the business of Grand Lodge was commenced appropriate resolutions were passed with reference to the death of His Majesty King George the Fifth and the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Edward the Eighth.

In his address the Grand Master states that he has discouraged the formation of new lodges on account of the depressed times and because so many lodges were finding difficulty maintaining themselves.

He expresses satisfaction that a large number of lodges are devoting sessions to a consideration of the Grand Master's address given at the preceding communication. This is a step which might well be adopted throughout the whole Masonic world.

Under the heading of "Masonic Behaviour" the Grand Master deals with the difficult subject of Masonic offences. He has a brief comprehensive definition: "If the act be one which shocks the enlightened conscience of right minded persons then it violates the moral law whether or not it be also a crime and it is a Masonic offence."

The Grand Master records a large number of visitations within his own jurisdiction, not only to district meetings but to individual lodges. He attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine and the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario

The Grand Master ruled that a church service at which the members wore military medals would be inconsistent with the regulations of the Order with which we respectfully agree.

A striking address was delivered by R. W. Bro. Rabbi Julius Berger in which he restated Masonic principles in scholarly language. One paragraph should be reproduced:

"There is a cosmic relation; there is an unseen cord that binds the whole wide world together. There is an ideal in religion—an ideal cherished by Masonry for the purpose of helping to create a kingdom of God on earth.

"There is an ethical program on which Masonry insists for the sole object of bringing out that which is best in us. This program embodies great principles. These principles are suggestive to our memory that we be mindful of the Golden Rule: that we be mindful of the teaching that we are sent into the world to fulfill some purpose: that we be mindful of the teaching that we have a mission of a higher order outside of our own affairs; that we be mindful of the teaching that we are to help Masonry maintain that atmosphere in which friendship can so thrive as to obtain for all the highest expression of life."

The Grand Secretary reports a decrease of 390 members. The membership in Grand Lodge showed a progressive increase from 1910 to 1930 when the peak was reached and since then in common with all other Grand Lodges there has been a progressive decrease.

The D.D.G.M.'s appear to have carried out their duties and in that connection one or two points may be noted. The D.D.G.M. of Montreal District No. 1 reports a service campaign put on by St. Lawrence Lodge No. 14 for the purpose of contacting members who had been absenting themselves. He reports that good results have been realized.

The D.D.G.M. of Montreal District No. 2 asks that a standard exemplification of the three degrees should be given at the beginning of each year in the interests of uniformity.

The D.D.G.M. of Ottawa District No. 7 has this to say about suspensions N.P.D.:

"I have asked every Lodge throughout the District to proceed cautiously in their suspensions, and bear in mind that the world is just emerging from a financial crisis which seriously affected many of our less fortunate members."

The Constitution of Grand Lodge has been amended to provide for a permanent committee of Grand Lodge made up of the officers of Grand Lodge and twelve elected members. This is analogous to our Board of General Purposes and we feel sure that the business of Grand Lodge will be materially expedited by the activities of this committee.

The Committee on Benevolence reports an expenditure of \$5,566.80, forty-eight applications being dealt with.

Quebec has instituted a system of fifty year veteran's jewels. To qualify, a member must produce proof that he has been a member of the Order for at least fifty years, of which the last twenty-five years must have been in lodges in the Province of Quebec.

At the evening session the Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, the Grand Master of Maine, the Grand Master of Manitoba and Grand Lodge Officers from Massachusetts and Vermont were introduced.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of M. W. Bro. E. A. Evans, in which Alberta receives kindly fraternal notice.

G.M.B.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirtieth Annual Communication was held at Saskatoon on 17th June, 1936, at which Alberta was duly represented.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Deputy Mayor and by M. W. Bro. McGregor on behalf of the four City lodges.

The Grand Master of Manitoba and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana were in attendance.

Our good friend M. W. Bro. Yorke delivered just such an address as we would have expected from him and one or two thoughts must be reproduced.

"Freemasonry, throughout the ages, has been a great steadying agency in the affairs of men and nations. It has always advocated the

highest ideals for the guidance of its initiates. It is therefore a great apostle of right living, charity, kindness, tolerance, and love. Its beneficent results are obtained by good, clean thinking and acting, free from any form of radicalism."

And again:

"Never in the history of our beloved land was there greater need for an alert and clear thinking citizenry to combat the various forces at work to undermine and destroy the cherished ideals of home life, religious life, and constitutional forms of government. Our land is infested with those whose program is to create disrespect for law and order, distrust of organized society, and who hold in derision the finer instincts of civilized society and who would also take away the happiness of hope of the people of the earth by ridiculing the teachings of our Holy Bible upon which civil society is founded, and to which it looks for inspiration."

He suggests that our "flag" be displayed in the lodge room. For many years we have held the contrary view. The "flag" is one of the sacred symbols of our Empire and we are reluctantly coming to the view that present conditions may warrant the display of the symbol.

Graceful reference is made by the Grand Master to his visit to the District Meeting of our District No. 2 held in Medicine Hat when M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, was a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master very properly refused to permit a lodge to sponsor a "draw" for the purpose of raising funds to build a community hall in which the lodge would hold its meetings. The wording of his refusal might be termed "pointed."

R. W. Bro. Stewart, D.D.G.M. of District No. 11, makes sympathetic reference to the passing of our R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney.

The D.D.G.M. of District No. 14 records the presentation by him of a set of gavels for the purpose of promoting inter-lodge visits. Useful work.

Relief payments from Benevolent fund amounted to \$17,293.45.

A net loss in membership of 224 is reported by the Grand Secretary.

No complaints or appeals were made or received during the year and the committee comments that this "is a notable tribute to the high moral standing of the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction."

An application was received for recognition from and recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings at Prague. There are two Grand Bodies in Czechoslovakia, one consisting of brethren of Czech nationality and the other of German and Hungarian nationality. Both Grand Lodges have been widely recognized and both work harmoniously.

There is an extensive report from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in which the difficulties of the Order are dealt with.

The Benevolent Committee reports that in cases where the local lodge was making no contribution from their own funds the grants would be reduced by 10 per cent and the lodges would be expected to

make up the amount. Somewhat drastic, but eminently practical and no doubt will awaken lodges to their responsibilities.

Saskatchewan has asserted jurisdiction over that portion of the North West Territories lying between the second and fourth Meridians.

There is published in full the course of study outlined by the Committee on Masonic Education for the year 1935-1936. The subjects prescribed are fully dealt with.

In the report of Foreign Correspondence, Alberta is generously and fraternally reviewed.

G.M.B.

SCOTLAND

At the Quarterly Communication in May, 1936, it is noted amongst other resolutions and proposals, that the Grand Master made a suggestion that the office of Piper should be included in the list of Grand Lodge Office Bearers. It was discussed, approved and sent to the By-laws Committee to report with other necessary alterations in Grand Lodge laws in August.

A report was submitted regarding the formation of a Masonic Club in Glasgow. The Grand Committee were unanimous in their disapproval of countenancing such a club and the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to the promoters, acquainting them with this fact and that the word "Masonic" must not be associated with any similar proposition. Later, the Grand Secretary was instructed to write another organization in the same city regarding the formation of "The Freemasons' Club," reminding them of the previous decision and stating that the same objection was attached to the use of the word "Freemason" in this connection.

In this Grand Lodge a dimit is only valid for twelve months. A question was asked if such a member affiliates at any time after the twelve months have elapsed, is he responsible for lodge dues from the date of issue of the dimit or from the date of the expiry of the dimit. The ruling, which was approved, was "A dimit is intended for the benefit of a brother who desires to resign active membership of a lodge and affiliate to another lodge. It, therefore, the dimit is not used for this purpose during the period of its validity, the brother's full membership will revive and he will be liable for the dues of the lodge granting the dimit from the date of issue of the dimit." This would appear to be entirely different from the view taken in Alberta regarding a dimit. Here we look upon it as complete severance of membership with his lodge, unless he affiliates with another lodge within twelve months. There is no time limit in which he again becomes automatically a full member of the lodge which issued the dimit. He can only do so by re-affiliating.

The report of the Quarterly Communication in November gives a full account of the Bi-Centenary Celebration and the installation of H.R.H. The Duke of York as Grand Master Mason, at which the Grand Piper made his first appearance as a Grand Lodge Officer. Our own Grand Master was present at this celebration and conveyed to the Grand Master Mason, H.R.H. The Duke of York, the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, together with an illuminated address.

Representatives from all over the world were present and it is to be greatly regretted that two of these, Bros. Rear Admiral Arvid Lindman and Judge Charles Dickson, who represented the Grand Lodge of Sweden at this celebration, met with a sudden and tragic death in an airplane accident when returning home.

The reports of the Provincial Grand Masters show that these officers take their duties seriously. They, like our own D.D.G.M.'s, inspect the lodges and apparently do so in a very thorough manner. One of them found it is quite a problem to obtain brethren with a sufficient knowledge of bookkeeping to undertake the Treasurer's work and he hoped to place before the lodges this autumn a scheme whereby all Treasurer's books will be audited yearly by a firm of Chartered Accountants. They speak very highly of the standard of Work; apparently they endeavor to visit lodges when degree work is done. Nearly all reported on the amount of benevolent work and funds raised for it and generally they found a marked recovery financially from the depression of the previous years. They also mentioned the true Masonic spirit which has been shown in retaining members, who through no fault of their own have experienced difficult times, while the Grand Lodge Benevolence has been fully maintained.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending April, 1936

During the year the membership showed an increase in the number of initiations over preceding years.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Napier, at the half-yearly Communication, said in part:

"They all felt proud that they belonged to an Ancient and Honourable Fraternity; but he would ask them to realise what the Craft really was. Why had it persisted where other institutions had fallen into decay? The answer should be that Freemasonry gave expression to an instinct that was inherent and common to humanity—the desire to work together for the common good. It was truly an Ancient and Honourable Institution; but lest it lose its character they must guard against the introduction of innovations into the body of Freemasonry. In times of difficulty there must necessarily be some tendency to relax.

"When there were no Degrees to be worked the Worshipful Masters might naturally feel obliged to fill in the time in some way. They might feel that they ought to offer some entertainment for the Brethren, not realising that the dignified Ritual of the Craft—unadulterated and unadorned—was the only authorised expression of its aspirations and ideals. For that reason it was well to remember the danger that might lie in any attempt to make their Lodges attractive by any departure from the original scheme of Freemasonry. They should be careful not to lose that which was the spirit of the Craft. The subject of any lecture delivered in the Lodge should certainly be one of Masonic interest. They should guard against turning the Lodge into something like a literary society, and they should avoid any subject which had no bearing on the purpose for which the Lodge had assembled.

"If it should be impossible to arrange for a lecture of this kind the proper place for any other type of entertainment was at the Festive Board."

He stressed the inadvisability of having non-Masons at the Festive Board whether to assist in the harmony or otherwise. He also referred to the recommendation of the United Grand Lodge of England when it was pointed out that Lodges should be careful to observe that no toast of a Masonic character should be proposed, or responded to, in the presence of ladies or other non-Masons.

We quote further from his address:

"This is testing time for the ideal that underlies the League of Nations—a spirit, which, as I should like to believe, is the same as that which has inspired our Craft. I should like to feel that it is the ideal of a Brotherhood, which knows no boundaries of race or creed, but it is inspired by the principles of Brotherly Love, and Truth, and Justice—sense of responsibility for the protection of the weaker brethren and the smaller nations. That, I feel, is the spirit which is animating those upon whom it has fallen to direct the counsels of the Empire to which we belong. Believing that, it behoves us—each in his own way—to assist in the spread of the Principles and Tenets we profess to follow. We may not be able to forward those principles in any large way, but, remember always, that it is the effort and the will of the individual which works upon the minds of those with whom he comes in contact, and creates the spirit which animates a family, tribe, city, State, Nation or Empire, and may some day civilise the world. It is by the accumulated effort of individual men, each working in a limited sphere that we can spread the Principles of Brotherhood, Truth, and Justice. It is to that individual effort, the sum total of which is by no means negligible, that we must look for the reception of our principles, to the ultimate benefit of humanity. This is the conception on which our Fraternity is founded, and I trust that in the Lodges of this Jurisdiction we shall not lose sight of the responsibility that devolves on every individual Brother."

Grand Lodge adopted, among other resolutions of the Fourth Australian Masonic Conference, the following, viz., visiting unaffiliated Brethren should indicate in the Attendance Register that they are unaffiliated; also that there be no ceremonial service for funerals or for use at cremations.

We quote from the address of the Deputy Grand Master given in the absence of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication:

"True Freemasonry, if I interpret its ideals aright, cannot proclaim itself on the lips of its votaries. As the Roman matron, when called upon by her richly adorned companions to display her jewels, set forth her well-trained children as the only jewels she possessed or desired, so Freemasonry presents us before the world to reveal her spirit in our lives and actions, not upon our tongues. The desire to establish such revealing institutions in our community is so strong with some that they would restrict all benevolent activity to purely Masonic charity; others among us are unwilling to apply such rigid restriction."

In the review of Foreign Correspondence the Proceedings of Alberta are dealt with at length by R. W. Bro. J. S. Philips.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Joseph E. Hart, Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented, we regret to report. Grand Masters of North Carolina and Georgia were present.

The Grand Master referring to the state of the Craft, "A special effort was made last year to restore to our rolls those brethren who had been erased in past years and in many cases special inducements were made to them to return. A large number of those who did return have never been interested in pure Masonry and have again left the ranks."

It is regretted to find that the official line of officers was broken by the death of the Deputy Grand Master. Great hopes rested upon this brother as it was expected he should preside at the Bi-Centennial.

Two questions for rulings are interesting. Where a motion is made and there is no second from the floor of the lodge, can the Master leave his station long enough to make the motion substituting someone in his place for the time, and is it in order for the Master of the lodge to second a motion? Answer: The Master may surrender the East only to the Grand Master or the D.D.G.M. and therefore it is unlawful for him to surrender his authority as presiding officers by substituting another brother in his place. And the Master of a lodge has a perfect right to make a motion or to second one although the right is rarely exercised.

The Grand Master's recommendation to cut the mileage from ten cents to six and the per diem from \$5.00 to \$4.00 payable to lodge representatives attending Grand Lodge was amended to make mileage seven cents and per diem was left as it was.

The Masonic Service Committee reported Carl Claudy's play "The Greatest of These" had been given many times with much benefit to all. The Lodge Plan of Masonic Education was adopted. Recommendations for the ensuing year included:

- (1). Each lodge shall set up an Educational Committee.
- (2). Hold a "Brethren in the South Night." (This is the name applied to an occasion when junior members other than officers put on a degree.)
- (3). Hold a Citizenship Night with appropriate addresses.
- (4). Celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th.

A committee reported it had selected a design for their 50 year button to be presented to each Mason of fifty years' standing.

Where, Oh where, is the Tiler's Sword? Once having belonged, it is said, to Oliver Cromwell, was presented to Grand Lodge by an early Grand Master, disappeared after the great fire in Charleston in 1838, was later found only to mysteriously disappear once more. Occasional search has been made for it but now it is to be intensified by enlisting the aid of the entire membership. One wishes them good fortune.

Designs were laid and plans made for the forth coming Bi-Centennial to be held at Charleston next year. Owing to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. E. Hart was elected for a second term and will thus have the responsibility of presiding on such an historic occasion.

Alberta, 1934 and 1935 receive brief review.

Membership, 17,056. Loss, 790.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sixty-second Annual Communication, Huron, June 9 and 10, 1936.

The M. W. Grand Master, Marion E. Crockett, opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form at the Masonic Temple.

The American Flag was presented at the Altar, and then stationed in the East where it remained during the session.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters answered the roll call.

The Grand Master appears to believe that the Masonic depression is now over. Younger men from necessity are shouldering the burden of duties that the older Masons have carried ever since the outbreak of the Great War, "and are definitely steering the wheels of fraternal progress into seas rich with Masonic activity." He thinks that the District Deputy System is working advantageously. In a few short months there was an increase in attendance which had continued to grow, and a greater accuracy in opening and closing.

Very few decisions were called for, and this he considered a hopeful sign. He referred to the fact that there is a tendency to make convenience rather than an emergency a cause to request a special dispensation, and repeatedly refused to shorten the time required of a candidate before he could receive the next degree.

The liquor question is causing concern in South Dakota as in several other Grand Jurisdictions, but this was left in abeyance. The Grand Master expressed the hope that when South Dakota does take action it would deal as rigidly and as definitely with the buyer as with the seller, and more definitely on the manner in which it is consumed.

Remarkable progress has been made with the "Ritualistic Proficiency Program," which if continued will have most beneficial results in raising the standard of work and also of the officers filling the various chairs. There does not appear to be any argument here.

A revised Monitor has been prepared by the Committee in charge of that work, and their report was accepted by Grand Lodge.

South Dakota will continue the service of the National Masonic Service Association for another year.

The Temporary Grand Charity Fund spent \$9,266.16 during the year for Charity.

Two Subordinate Lodges, Pleasant Valley No. 197, of Vienna, and Oakwood Lodge No. 182, of Bruce, surrendered their charters.

A net loss of 636 members was sustained.

In the evening Rev. F. W. Bruins, of Mobridge Lodge No. 164 delivered an informing address on the topic "Why Masonry Lives."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals dealt with nine matters, in all of which the action of the Subordinate Lodges was sustained.

Bro. Frank L. Eversull, of Huron College addressed Grand Lodge on "The Evolution of Freemasonry in America," in which we notice a full explanation of what is usually known as "The Morgan Episode." This reviewer had often heard of this matter, but had not seen the

full details before. It constitutes a strange chapter in Masonic history, and will likely remain unsolved like several other kidnappings.

There is no Review of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master—Samuel G. Mortimer, Belle Fourche.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Wilbert D. Swain, Sioux Falls.

C.V.B.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville on 29th of January, 1936. M. W. Bro. Martin S. Roberts, Grand Master, presided and on the dais with him were twelve Past Grand Masters.

W. Bro. Luther E. Davis, Alberta's Representative and one of the Custodians of the Work was present.

The Grand Master's address is a splendid one covering some twenty-four pages. We excerpt from the address:

"The conditions in the world at large have reflected themselves in Masonry and as the world was making its kaleidoscopic changes we, I am afraid, became more or less cold, indifferent and apathetic. As adversity became more pronounced in the world, uncertainty and confusion became more prevalent in the Craft and instead of placing new designs on our trestle board we attempted by old designs, which were not made to take care of the new conditions that existed, to build ourselves up and work out of our slough of despondency."

M. W. Bro. Roberts in his remarks on guarding the portals says:

"I am fully persuaded, as I have said throughout the State this year, that we have not been zealous enough in the guarding of the portals of our Fraternity, both in the investigation of the profanes applying for membership and also in the investigation of those applying for restoration after suspension. Let us be sure that all such are "worthy and well qualified" and let us also be sure that they have a desire in their hearts to become real Masons and not simply members of the Masonic Fraternity."

A number of consolidations of lodges took place during the year. With the loss of membership and better road conditions this will of necessity follow.

The Grand Master comments rather forcibly on lotteries. We excerpt a small portion of his address:

"In the case of the Shrine Temple in Illinois, the matter had such widespread publicity that the Grand Master of that State felt it incumbent to take very drastic action, which resulted in the expulsion of several members from the Masonic Fraternity."

The per capita tax for Grand Lodge purposes was raised from \$2.00 to \$2.25.

Lodges 431. Members 36,677. Decrease 1,256.

M. W. Grand Master—W. Roy Holland.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Thomas E. Doss.

M.M.D.

TEXAS, 1936

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas convened in the City of Waco, on Wednesday, December 2nd, 1936, with M. W. Bro. Marcus Weathered, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Immediately preceding the opening of Grand Lodge a "Welcoming Program" under the Chairmanship of R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary, was given, when songs and speeches were indulged in and the brethren placed in that frame of mind to enable them to get down to business when the regular sessions opened.

Following the usual custom beautiful floral tributes marked the places of Distinguished Craftsmen who had "passed on" during the year. A very thoughtful gesture.

Another little innovation, if we may use the term, was the roll call of the D.D.G.M.'s and the giving of Grand Honors in appreciation of all their labors during the past year.

The Grand Master welcomed the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Texas, to which a number of brethren responded, but that of R. W. Bro. Lightfoot will bear repeating and emphasizing:

"A striking incident forces itself on my mind at this time, it is that the Grand Jurisdiction represented by these brethren assembled here in your presence represent the States of this Union and the nations of this earth that are today at peace will all the world and are in full possession of their liberty. It is a wonderful satisfaction to us, and should be such to all of the nations represented here, that where Masonry is strong, the people possess their liberty, but in those countries where Masonry has languished, and is weak, or where it is still struggling for recognition, the liberties of the people have been encroached upon and they have passed under the despotic rule of dictators. These facts should be an inspiration to us to maintain this institution in all its power for good, even through periods of depression and through periods of adversity because the general principles it stands for are a bulwark of the foundations of freedom, of liberty, freedom of thought, freedom of conscience and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience."

It is regretted that the representative for Alberta failed to answer the roll call.

The address of the Grand Master covers some 72 pages of printed matter from which your reviewer derived a great deal of pleasure and profit in reading. His poetic effusions are really delightful, but what impressed us most was the unvarnished manner in which he tackled the problems that presented themselves. He was a veritable hound for work, and we must say he made a good job. There are many matters that one would like to comment on at length, but lack of space prevents that, and we must content ourselves with just drawing attention to essentials.

The Charity Fund, so called, is used for the purpose of relieving brethren and their families suffering with tuberculosis or any other malignant or incurable disease. During the past year \$27,500.00 was donated to sanatoriums for the care of some 97 sick Master Masons or their families. This fund cannot be used for any other purpose al-

though many calls are made upon them for assistance. It is considered the duty of the lodge to take care of any indigent cases that may arise and Grand Lodge has no funds with which to assist such cases. The Grand Master notes a decided tendency towards asking for "the dole" and applications for such are growing more numerous.

Life Membership after twenty-five years dues paying is impoverishing the lodges in Texas as elsewhere, and the Grand Master suggested to one lodge that the Life Members should be called together and the case squarely put up to them with a view to having them relinquish their life memberships. He also suggests that the By-laws should be amended to correct this state of affairs.

For the brethren of Alberta who are anxious to see the Order of DeMolay instituted in this Province we cull the following for their thoughtful consideration:

"Brethren, Masonry is playing with fire when it invites to or permits the use of its lodge rooms to any man who is not a Mason. Masonry never invites men to become members of its Order, and yet it permits an organization, which is composed of sons of Masons and of profanes to use its lodge rooms, in many instances having access to all of the records of the lodge. It virtually tells them that when they become of age they must join a Masonic lodge or cease to become members of the DeMolay. Rather a peculiar situation this and if it is not an invitation to them to join a Masonic lodge it borders very close thereon. What a peculiar situation would be presented if a member of DeMolay should petition a Masonic lodge for the degrees and be rejected, and yet be permitted to continue to come into our lodge rooms as a member of DeMolay. I therefore recommend that Grand Lodge amend its Laws, and forbid the use of its Temples to the Order of DeMolay and sever any connection it may be considered to have had therewith."

Lotteries. Where have we heard that word before? Not only in Alberta but throughout the Jurisdiction of the United States and Canada this means of raising funds for charitable work has been used by the Order of the Mystic Shrine and is forbidden to the members of the Craft. Grand Master Weathered stated that he had no authority over the Shrine but he did have jurisdiction over every Master Mason in Texas and would do everything possible to assist in the prosecution of every Master Mason who engages in such gambling enterprises.

Texas has an automatic suspension law and while it has had the effect of reducing the membership, never-the-less it has worked to the advantage of the lodges. They have a minimum Dues Law which makes it unlawful to charge less than \$5.00 per annum for dues.

A very thoughtful and instructive report is presented by the Grand Librarian and contains some useful suggestions. This report is worthy of consideration by students of Masonry.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Service, we learn that the major activity of the Committee during the past year was the editing, publishing and circulation of the Texas Grand Lodge Magazine. A special resolution of thanks was voted to Bro. Cantey for his services in the work of the magazine.

Under the caption "Are We Drifting" M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly draws attention to two fads that are invading our Grand Lodges, namely "Go to Church Sunday" and "Public Schools Week." He lays particular stress on the desirability of maintaining our Ancient Charges of allow-

ing each member of our Craft to determine his own religious doctrine and of eschewing all interest in factional politics. The Founders of our Ancient Laws and Regulations were men of rare sagacity and if we but follow the precepts laid down by them we will avoid many of the pitfalls that so easily beset us in these days of desire for change and innovation.

We would seek to express our sincere thanks for the very kindly expressions of the work of the reviewer, which we deeply appreciate. Alberta is given liberal space in reviewing the work of M. W. Bro. Downey and we thank him for his excellent review.

M. W. Grand Master, Galloway Calhoun.

R. W. Grand Secretary. W. B. Pearson.

W.I.

VERMONT

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont convened in the Masonic Temple, Burlington, on Wednesday the 10th June, 1936, for its One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication, with M. W. Bro. Julius C. Thomas, Grand Master, presiding.

Distinguished brethren from the Grand Jurisdictions of Quebec, Maine, New Jersey, and Connecticut were introduced and received with the honors becoming their stations. At the appropriate time each had an opportunity of addressing Grand Lodge, and while their remarks are not recorded, it is safe to say that their presence and words lent dignity to the occasion and inspired the Lodges to go forward to do better and greater work.

We are pleased to note the presence of the Grand Representative of Alberta.

The Grand Master's Address is somewhat brief, but he seems to have had a very excellent year. In speaking of his deputies we quote the following as it coincides with our own view:

"The idea that a Lodge should have a Deputy appointed from its ranks every so often, is to be deplored. The man best qualified should receive the appointment regardless of location, or even though he succeeds a man from his own Lodge."

Derogatory remarks on the attitude of Masons in the matter of granting Charity caused the Grand Master to come to the defence of the Craft, showing that every worthy case is given due consideration, and that the obligations in this regard are not lightly treated.

The Grand Master attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and has a good word to say of the work of the Secretary, Carl Claudy. Vermont appointed a committee to bring in a recommendation on the advisability of joining this Association, but inasmuch as each of the three members held different viewpoints it was decided to allow this matter to stand over for another year.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a loss in membership of 402 members.

From the report of the Committee on Grievances I cull the following in order to give the Alberta brethren Vermont's slant on the question:

"Your Committee hold that a certified copy of a record of a court of competent jurisdiction, showing a conviction for a felony which involves moral turpitude, is conclusive evidence of guilt on a charge for un-Masonic conduct which specifies the crime on which conviction is had, and such record cannot be questioned and should not be disregarded in a Masonic trial, unless some new evidence is presented showing improprieties in the conduct of the court trial."

The Committee on Jurisprudence gives the following opinion when considering the question of the use of lodge rooms:

"The Masonic institution is an organization of men and neither the Eastern Star, the Order of De Molay, or the Order of Rainbow for girls, is in our opinion a Masonic Institution or in any way connected with our Order, and the use of the lodge rooms by any of these orders is not a Masonic use."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, who, in his foreword, gives an index of the subjects covered and where same may be found. Alberta receives generous treatment quoting quite freely from the address of Grand Master Bowes, and noting that the questionnaire adopted by Alberta meets with approval. We thank M. W. Bro. Harriman for his kind remarks and appreciation of our late M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood.

M. W. Grand Master—William J. Ballou.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Archie S. Harriman.

W.I.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the City of Richmond on February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1936.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Rev. Thomas W. Hooper, presided. Six Past Grand Masters were present and formally received. Alberta's Representative, W. Bro. F. F. Champion, was in attendance.

The distinguished guests received were M. Ex. Companion Charles H. Ergenbright, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, R. Ex. William M. Brown, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and Ill. Bro. Robert S. Crump, Inspector General of the Scottish Rite. There were also present representatives of the Grand Lodges of West Virginia, District of Columbia and North Carolina.

The address of M. W. Bro. Hooper was a master piece. The Grand Master in speaking on Consolidation of Lodges says:

"The numbers of some of them have been so reduced that it is practically impossible to arouse enthusiasm. Our highway system has been tremendously improved and means of transportation are excellent. It seems to me that there are other Lodges that might well follow the example of these."

The following decisions are interesting:

"The communication on St. John's night is a stated communication of the Lodges.

"While the Digest seems to think of it as especially for the installations of officers, it is my opinion that any other business proper to be transacted may be transacted at that communication."

"A brother has been discharged in bankrupt court, which cancels all his debts. He is in arrears to his Lodge for three years' dues. Does he still owe Lodge dues, or did the bankrupt discharge clear him of his Lodge debt?

"I decided that, as a Lodge may not sue a brother in court for his dues, the obligation to pay Lodge dues is not a legal obligation but a moral one. Therefore a legal decision does not free this brother from his dues to the Lodge."

M. W. Bro. Hooper dwelt at some length on Lodge jurisdiction and summed the whole question up very succinctly thus:

"The whole structure is built around the principle that the Lodge which knows the candidate shall be the one to vote on him."

In regard to Ministers of the Gospel he had this to say:

"I refused the desire of a Lodge to exempt all ministers of the gospel from the payment of dues except in the amount of Grand Lodge dues. The M.D. exempts one chaplain, but I see no reason why other ministers of the gospel should not pay their dues like other self-respecting brethren."

Virginia continues to be a member of the Masonic Service Association.

The addresses of the visiting Grand Masters are given in full. They are worth reading.

It was decided to take over the "Old Masons Hall" from the Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19 which has occupied this for 150 years; and thoroughly fire-proof the structure. "The building is a national shrine and should be in the care and pride of the Masons of Virginia."

Grand Lodge was adjourned so that the New Infirmary could be dedicated. This building was the gift of Bro. Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Barrett. This is a valuable addition to the Masonic Home.

Lodges 349. Members 40,492. Decrease 1,155.

M. W. Grand Master—Lynwood P. Harrell.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James M. Clift.

M.M.D.

WASHINGTON

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication held at Tacoma, June 16th, 1936. M. W. Bro. Walter H. Steffey, Grand Master.

Lodges 266. Membership 41,010. Loss 1,219.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank W. McCandless.

The Grand Masters of Oregon and Idaho were among the distinguished guests present.

Grand Lodge was welcomed in splendid form by the Mayor of Tacoma and for once a Mayor in an address of welcome had something to say.

The formation of a new Research Lodge in Seattle, for the purpose of Masonic study only, is recorded together with recommendation for a charter.

Speaking of the District Deputy system the Grand Master says: "While the system is new as yet in our jurisdiction and may be improved considerably by experience, I am firmly convinced that by its adoption our Grand Lodge has taken a great forward step, and that it will make its contribution to the welfare and progress of the Craft."

As usual there is a crop of decisions on the liquor question. We admit that the Grand Master is logical and consistent, but to bar a man who is the accountant of a grocery concern which happens legally to sell beer as part of its business seems carrying things to their ultimate conclusion with a vengeance. We note in his recommendations later the Grand Master makes certain suggestions, but not knowing the exact contents of Section 1904 of the Washington Code we don't know if the intention of the change is to make Prohibition a Masonic "Land-mark" or to edge over a little toward moderation.

From the Secretary's report we cull the following hopeful sentence: "In fact, the tide has turned—and the morale has improved immeasurably."

It was agreed that Masons of fifty years standing will be presented with a certificate and suitable button. It is becoming common practice to recognize these veterans of the Craft and now Washington comes into line.

"A Plea for Charity" based on part of the Lord's Prayer is a beautiful plea for tolerance and a strong appeal to Masons to come to the aid of erring brethren when aid may save them. The author is Wor. Bro. Reginald M. Greer, Grand Historian.

The Grand Lecturer discusses at some length the respective methods of "mouth to ear" and cypher code in communicating the work. Like himself we are inclined to agree that "a great error was made in ever admitting the throng to go beyond the Entered Apprentice Degree." Again he asks: "Is it not a travesty upon the Sacred Mysteries that we should attempt in two or three months to make a man into a Master, or pretend to do so?" We answer, it is, and the present status and effect of wholesale Freemasonry is sufficient answer without elaboration.

The annual oration is a determined attack on Communism by the Grand Orator, Wor. Bro. James B. Kinne. "What should the individual Mason do?" he asks and answers his own question—"Unless we, as individuals, arouse the active interest of the intelligent citizenry and engage ourselves in a movement to put an end to such subversive action, the blessings of liberty will not be secure for our posterity and our beloved institutions will be destroyed."

A motion to drop the liquor clauses from the Washington Code was thrown out on recommendation by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We commend M. W. Bro. Gregory for his courageous action even if his brethren did adjudge him wrong—for the present!

M. W. Bro. Walter F. Meier introduces his first review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions. We congratulate him on an excellent job. We will follow his work with interest and respectfully suggest that the injection of individual comment on the passing show is the salt of these reviews.

Alberta receives generous mention. We also congratulate and thank him for his excellent address on "The Heraldry of Masonry" which appears in full together with cuts of Grand Lodge seals, a valuable contribution to this branch of Masonic study.

By the way, Bro. Meier, "something less than a page" of review of Washington's proceedings is dictated by space considerations only. We find Washington as interesting as any and more up and doing than many.

Eightieth Annual Communication to be held at Spokane, June 15th, 1937.

M. W. Grand Master—Ralph E. Tiejie, Cheney.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A. M. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings ending May, 1936

The reports of the year show an increase both in membership and in financial standing. The various lodge funds now amount to well over \$500,000.00.

Grand Lodge refused to follow the recommendation of the Fourth Australian Masonic Conference that the Masonic funeral service be approved. The Western Australian Jurisdiction is opposed to Masonic ceremonies and funerals.

Another resolution of that Masonic Conference was the subject of considerable debate, viz., that at all times when dinner jacket or other than full ordinary evening dress is worn the apron should be worn outside of the coat.

R. W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon, P.S.G.W., (so well known for his able and interesting reviews of Foreign Correspondence) moved that the following be added to the resolution, "providing that the direction shall not apply when a dinner jacket is worn unbuttoned."

Following an interesting discussion this amendment was adopted.

Unlike the practice in Alberta the subordinate lodges in Western Australia require the approval of the Board of General Purposes when borrowing money. This seems to this reviewer to be a very good plan.

An analysis of the average attendances of the lodges demonstrates the well-known fact that the smaller the membership the better the percentage of attendance. Lodges with memberships under fifty had an average attendance of from sixty-three to ninety per centum.

The Alberta representative of the Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. C. A. Hendry, P.J.G.D., was present.

The Proceedings contained R. W. Bro. Archdeacon's very interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence. The reading of this report is a Masonic education in itself and is always looked forward to with great interest by this reviewer.

The retiring Grand Master, who served a term of three years, was succeeded by M. W. Bro. Dr. James Sykes Battye.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Annual Communication was held in Charleston on 14th of October, 1936, M. W. Bro. Wilson H. S. White, Grand Master.

There were no less than sixteen Past Grand Masters in attendance, one of whom was M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, our own Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge. It is a pleasure to note that this brother is an active member of his Grand Lodge.

Two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bros. Samuel Tilden Spears and Clyde T. Dutton, passed away during the year. They were remarkable figures in West Virginian Masonry. M. W. Bro. Spears was of a type rare now and probably not common in his own day. He was Grand Master in 1921. As one of several who spoke to his memory put it, "He was a man's man, strong, rugged, ambitious, fearless and supremely self-reliant. He was an English Puritan born out of his time." An enemy once said of him, "He is a fighter and absolutely honest." Another said of this uncompromising character that "He gave his services as the night gives its dew, as the flower gives its fragrance, as the sun gives its light." Such a man could not fail to be a great force in Masonry and so, in gentler mode perhaps, was M. W. Bro. Clyde T. Dutton, a great Mason and distinguished Grand Master, much loved by his fellows in Grand Lodge and in the jurisdiction, widely known beyond it as a Masonic authority. West Virginia has in his unexpected and sudden passing had a severe shock. May we extend our sincere sympathy. This writer has for years past taken a special interest in watching the careers of both these lights in Masonry.

The Grand Master had a busy year. He made numerous visitations. On one occasion he installed the officers and conferred the Master Mason's degree. "Although the hour was extremely late, when it was revealed that a candidate was in waiting, the brethren stated that they were accustomed from times of old to remain to complete their work, no matter how late the hour. It was stated that long ago beds and cots had been installed for the accommodation of the brethren who could not return home after the lodge meetings." Verily, Masonic brethren are the same the world over. The same thing happens in Alberta, but they do not think of beds and cots for those who cannot get home.

On another occasion the Grand Master installed the officers in a public installation and "being a Past Master of this splendid old lodge"

he rated this meeting as a very high spot in his official visitations. Just what is a public installation? It is not permitted in Alberta.

Among dispensations granted were two to hold communications in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, which is outside the jurisdiction of West Virginia. In this case his difficulty was a decision of a previous Grand Master, which simply stated "A lodge in this jurisdiction has no right to work in another Grand Jurisdiction," but after much consideration and consultation with jurisprudence experts in his own and several other jurisdictions, he granted the dispensations on the ground that the Memorial is the property and should be the shrine of lodges everywhere through their Grand Jurisdiction, and he was sincerely anxious that his brethren should have the privilege of availing themselves of the great historical and inspirational opportunity provided the members of the Craft at this great Masonic shrine. He found that numerous other Grand Jurisdictions had already done this with the permission of the Grand Master of Virginia, in whose jurisdiction the Memorial is located.

He refused many requests for dispensations to fill vacancies in the elective offices of lodges, saying that the Master should appoint an officer pro tem for each lodge meeting, or in cases like that of Secretary and Treasurer, for the remainder of the year until the next annual election of the lodge. He also refused dispensations to confer degrees in shorter time, saying that if the candidate is to remain in the country, it is easy to have him complete his work in another lodge, as a courtesy, reminding the brethren that Masonry has a right to the reputation of being a difficult organization in which to gain admittance and an easy one to get out of. It is an honor to every man, no matter what his position, who is accepted, but no man honors Masonry by becoming a member, except by his daily living, and to confer degrees in a shorter time than our usages and laws permit, seemed to him a departure from important anchorage points to which our Institution has always been attached.

In his decisions there are one or two which might be mentioned as of special interest. The Department Commander of the West Virginia Division of the American Legion, requested permission for the various Masonic Bodies to participate in the assembling of high school boys from all over the State, with the objective of teaching them good citizenship at the first session of the Boy's State. He said the Masonic Bodies had been selected because of the fact that their membership is entirely American in their every thought and action. After consultation and consideration, it was held "That the Grand Master was unable, without a vote of the Grand Lodge, to authorize any direct official participation. Quoting from a Grand Master of the distant past he stated as follows: 'Freemasonry is not a political institution. It knows nothing of Kingdoms or Republics or Empires or States. It deals with men only as children of a common father and has nothing to do with political controversies that distract nations. It labors to relieve the suffering of the living and give decent sepulchre to the dead.'"

The other decision was that of jurisdiction over an E.A. or F.C. when years have elapsed and he has lived within the territory of another lodge. While they have no law or approved decision especially covering such cases, it was ruled that "Jurisdiction in such cases is perpetual," which is in accordance with our practice in Alberta.

The great floods in that part of the country caused the Grand Master much anxiety. He immediately made preparations to afford assistance, but fortunately this was only required in a few cases, and these were exceedingly grateful for the timely help afforded them.

The reports of the various committees are most interesting, especially those dealing with their many Masonic charities, illustrating as nothing else could do the wide scope of West Virginia's Masonic work in this regard. They are not neglectful of their distressed members or their dependents by any means.

The Correspondence Report by M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., is fully equal to any that he has made, a careful and complete review of Masonry on this continent and of many other Grand Lodges throughout the world. He is another writer who finds a spirit of optimism prevailing and that Grand Lodges are taking the lessons of the last few years to heart. He pats Western Australia on the back for their increase in membership as a "beacon on the horizon." He warmly approves of the flag ceremony adopted by some Grand Lodges in the United States, saying "It is so appropriate to salute the emblem of our country with its lack of partizanship, sectionalism or pride of any particular portion or our citizenry." An interpretation of the flag ceremony, which applies with equal force to the ceremonies which have lately been held in Alberta.

He gives Alberta for 1935 a page and a half of fraternal notice. This writer would like to say, however, with reference to his remark that it was his thirtieth annual report as Grand Secretary, it was only his seventh as Grand Secretary, but it was the thirtieth of this Grand Lodge. He noted the passing of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, after long years of service as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and pays his tribute of appreciation of those services rendered and the pleasure therefrom he has enjoyed in the past.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-second Annual Communication was held in Madison, June 9th, 1936. Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master with all of the Grand Officers present except the Grand Master, who was then duly received, conducted to the East and accorded Grand Honors, after which thirteen Past Grand Masters were similarly received. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master in his address noted a slight improvement both in morale and the financial conditions of the lodges. He felt that the depression not only hurt the spirit of Masonry, but was responsible for a cheapening of the Fraternity by the resort by some to practices that can only lower the standards set by our forefathers.

He was much disturbed by the endless number of organizations which have attached themselves to the Craft which resort to catch-penny devices to raise money, and believed that Freemasonry must either curb these parasitical bodies or completely shake them off and let them go their own way if they can. These "mushroom bodies" all clamour for recognition and want to meet in Masonic Halls. He refused all such requests, and has some strong remarks to make about

the "joiner," whose activities and interests is in these other bodies, while the foundation of it all, Masonry, is neglected. He thought the time was almost here when the good old ship must go into dry dock and have the barnacles scraped off. Some of these societies are occupying Masonic Temples as guests, yet if requested to observe certain proprieties, he said "We meet with insolence." And further, "We would fiercely resent invasion of our homes by strangers, yet we tolerate the use of our Temples by societies that are foreign to Freemasonry. They occupy our stations, use our altars, pry into preparation rooms and in other ways abuse the privileges granted them. I trust I may live to see the day when our Temples shall be closed to all who are not Masons."

The Grand Master believes in saying what he feels. For some years there has been a strong feeling among members of the Craft that in the manufacture of new Orders, basing their membership on Masonry, a very definite injury has been inflicted on our Ancient Craft.

He found when he assumed the office of Grand Master that there appeared to be a serious lack of understanding by the Craft at large of the functions of Grand Lodge and a misapprehension with regard to its finances, together with suspicion and mistrust regarding the administration. There was also a feeling abroad that Grand Lodge was imposing a burden upon the Craft out of proportion to the services it rendered and devoting his time and thought to the problem tried to bring to his jurisdiction in every way possible a better understanding of Freemasonry, which he hoped would bring about a more wholesome spirit. From time to time we have noticed this condition arising in lodges and Grand Lodges. It is nearly always the result, as this Grand Master has indicated, of hard times, whether from general depression or more local conditions, combined with a mutual lack of understanding and the failure of Grand Lodge officers to keep the membership informed as fully as possible of the activities and policies of Grand Lodge, and this Grand Master took the proper course. The more enlightenment the less controversy.

The Grand Master refrained from granting dispensations waiving residence requirements, except in rare cases. He deemed it unwise to make Masons of men who never had a permanent residence.

Under Decisions, he held that while a lodge may vote a donation to the American Red Cross, it would be better to obtain donations from individual members, but to deny a lodge the right to do so would be to nullify one of the fundamentals of Freemasonry. Another lodge desired to sponsor a troop of Boy Scouts in their city, and he held that a lodge may not do so for that or any similar organization, and that it was unlawful for a lodge to appropriate funds for such purpose. He ruled that a lodge could not issue a dimit to a brother without his requesting it. He also held that a brother, several years in arrears for dues, and who had been elected Treasurer of the lodge, could serve as such, if the lodge had not excluded him; that a brother in good standing, but who had not passed the examination in the M. M. degree, was entitled to a dimit if he requested it; and that an Entered Apprentice who was unable to learn the lectures and consequently was not advanced, was still eligible to visit an Entered Apprentice lodge. All of which seems reasonable and in accordance with Masonic practice.

In relief cases outside the Home, it was found that Grand Lodge was expending about \$4,000.00 a year more than was collected in per capita tax, and while they had enough to carry on for several months, before another year they would be face to face with the grim realities of the situation. He maintained that this system of relief was a failure because the lodges had shifted their relief load upon Grand Lodge and then had criticised Grand Lodge for its exorbitant demands upon the lodges for money. He believed that Grand Lodge was mistaken in attempting this work, the administration of charity belonging to the lodges. The Grand Lodge has a definite statement of principle in this matter, holding that it shall supplement the charity of the lodges only when they are no longer able to do it themselves. He believed that the per capita tax for charity should be reduced to a nominal amount and that the lodges should take up their burden as originally intended and he recommended that the Committee on Outdoor Relief be discontinued.

A lodge attempted to circularize all the other lodges in the jurisdiction on the subject of esoteric instruction. The attention of the lodge was called to the fact that all such documents, circulars etc., on the subject of Masonry must be approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master before being issued, and they promptly refrained from further activity in this connection. The Grand Master pointed out the proper way for a lodge to bring any matter it desired to the attention of the Craft.

He objected strongly to the Order of De Molay being referred to as Masonic. Newspapers refer to it as a Junior Masonic Order. He found that while the Order needs the support of the Craft if it is to continue, it is given to practices which are actually un-Masonic and cited some cases, which tend to create the impression not only outside the Fraternity but inside as well, that it is a species of Masonry, and he believed that this Grand Lodge was justified in going on record expressing its disapproval of such practices.

He referred to the conflicting regulations in their laws with regard to the eligibility of applicants who are engaged more or less directly in the business of selling beer and liquor. Various Grand Masters have ruled on the subject with a result, for instance, that a brewery bookkeeper is eligible but a brewery truck man is not; one who serves beer in a hotel dining room is ineligible, but there are no rulings as to whether a druggist who dispenses spirituous liquors is ineligible and it would be difficult to rule as to the eligibility of one who has a few shares of stock in a distilling or brewing company. But perhaps the crowning inconsistency lies in the edict which provides that a lodge has no authority to suspend or expel a member thereof for engaging in the business of selling liquor. Consequently the Grand Master recommended the thorough revision of Grand Lodge laws regarding the liquor question in the interests of consistency.

Grand Lodge generally approved of the Grand Master's decisions and recommendations.

The Correspondence Report was prepared by M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks, P.G.M. Alberta for 1935, M. W. Bro. Bowes' year, is reviewed. He commented on his recommendation that Masonic functions, named as such, should not be permitted except under the sponsorship of the lodge nearest the district in which the function takes place, saying that if anything occurred to bring discredit on Masonry at such meet-

ings the brethren are subject to Masonic discipline, which would seem to be a sufficient check if they are properly warned. This was exactly Bro. Bowes' idea, in requiring them to ask permission. He recorded with regret the passing of M. W. Bro. Selwood, and complimented R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay for his review of Wisconsin "as he has done a good job."

J.H.W.S.K.

WYOMING

Sixty-second Annual Communication, August 24 and 25, 1936.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Hagans, in the Masonic Temple at Sheridan. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and "America" was sung by the members. Bro. Charles J. Oviatt, of Sheridan Lodge No. 8 welcomed the Grand Lodge to the City of Sheridan, and Bro. G. O. Hanna of Lingle Lodge No. 37, replied. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The net loss in membership was 78, due chiefly to the larger numbers suspended for non-payment of dues.

Grand Lodge suffered the loss by death during the year of three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bros. Charles C. Mitchell, Hugh Hynds and Marion P. Wheeler, also of a Past Senior Grand Warden, Bro. L. L. Jeffers.

Two corner stones were laid by Grand Lodge, one of the new Post Office building at Worland, and the other of the Liberal Arts Building at Laramie.

The Grand Master decided that a Subordinate Lodge could not contribute funds to furnish a room in a local hospital, since this room would be used like any other room in the hospital; neither could funds be contributed to the Boy Scouts or to the Thomas A. Edison memorial.

The membership stood at 7,806.

The Grand Historian, Bro. Alfred J. Mokler, gave a very full and complete account of what is known as "The Morgan Mystery," which makes strange but very interesting reading.

From the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence presented by the Grand Secretary we note that Subordinate Lodges in Massachusetts are known by name only. They do not have numbers also. Reference is made to the death of the holder of the longest authentic Masonic record, Bro. Cyrus E. Hull, on April 11, 1936, in Los Angeles, California. He had received his Master Mason degree in Hampden Lodge, Springfield, Massachusetts, on March 23, 1853. At the time of his death he was one hundred and five years old, and had been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for eighty-three years and nineteen days. Mention is made also of Mount Zion Lodge, in Jerusalem, which works in Hebrew, and recently initiated a priest of the Orthodox Church. After opening the Lodge in Hebrew the Master turned the gavel over to a Christian Arab, who conferred the work in the Greek language. The work was then continued in French, and

the Lodge was closed in Hebrew. The membership of the Lodge, which is on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, consists of Orthodox Christians, Mohammedans, Isrealites, Maronites and Copts. Both the Bible and the Koran are displayed on the Altar:

The Proceedings of fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions are fully reviewed and noted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, and Alberta received its share of attention. The quotations scattered throughout the Review make excellent reading for the Masonic student, and we can readily understand why the reviewing brother broke into poetry in submitting his Report. This reviewer has read and thoroughly enjoyed a large part of it, including the poetry.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry G. Watson, Cheyenne;

R. W. Grand Secretary—Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper;

C.V.B.

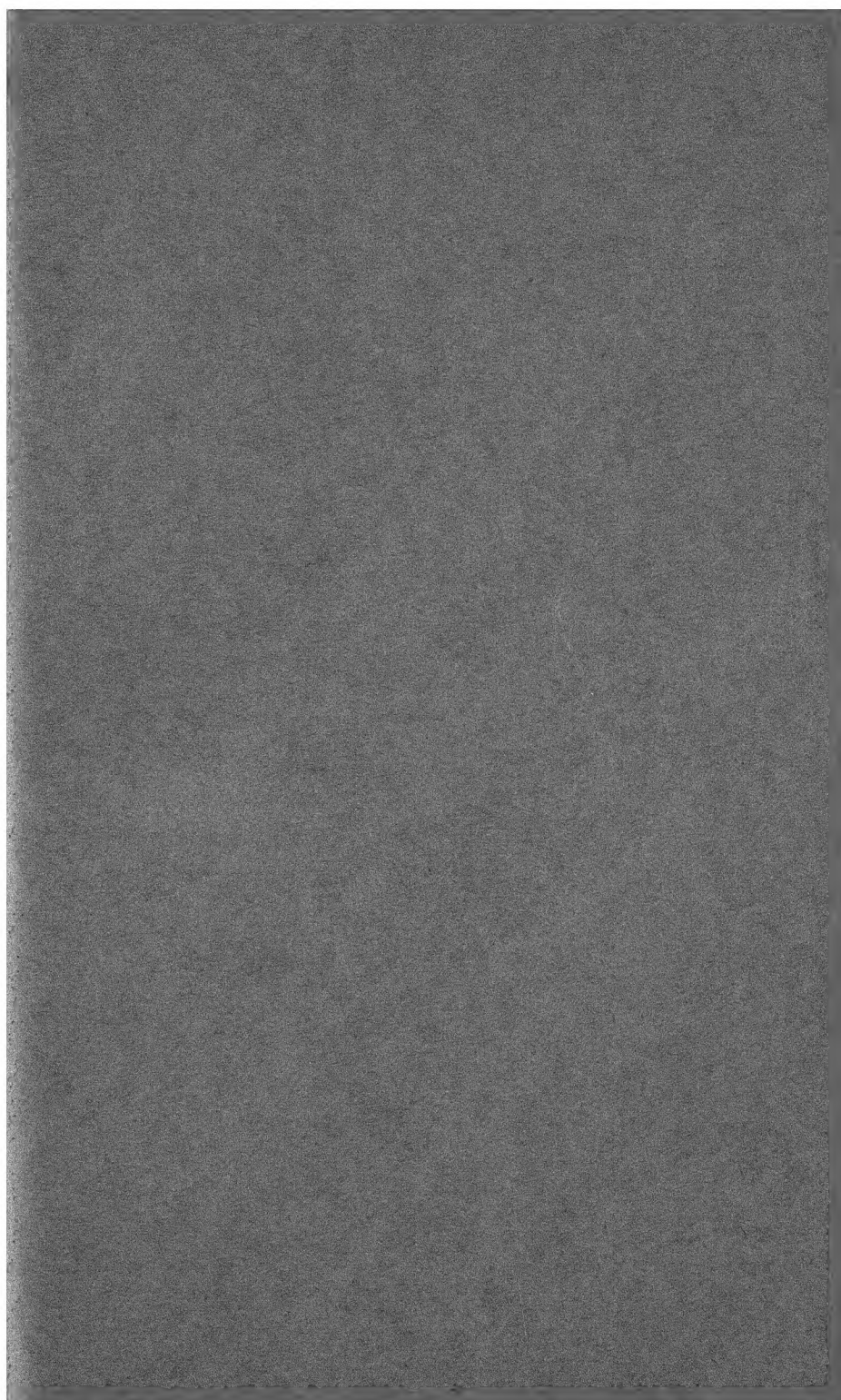
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